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RENEE S. BEACH vs GREGORY M. PARKER
2019-CP-25-00111 - MICHAEL BROCK

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1 IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
2 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
3 COUNTY OF HAMPTON

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5 RENEE S. BEACH, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
6 The Estate of MALLORY BEACH,

7 Plaintiff,

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10 vs.

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
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14 GREGORY M. PARKER, INC., a/k/a PARKER'S
15 CORPORATION d/b/a PARKER'S 55, RICHARD
16 ALEXANDER MURDAUGH, and RICHARD ALEXANDER
17 MURDAUGH, JR.,

18 Defendants.

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20 The deposition of MICHAEL BROCK, a
21 witness in the above-entitled cause, taken
22 pursuant to Notice and agreement, before Amanda
23 Bowen, Stenographic Reporter and Notary Public,
24 at The Law Offices of Griffith, Freeman &
25 Liipfert, LLC, 600 Monson Street, Beaufort,
South Carolina, on the 20th day of October 2020,
commencing at or about the hour of 2:19 p.m.



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1 MICHAEL BROCK,
2 having been produced and first duly sworn as a
3 witness, testified as follows:
4 DIRECT EXAMINATION
5 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
6 Q Mr. Brock, my name is Mitch Griffith.
7 I represent Gregory M. Parker, Inc., which is
8 also known as Parker's around this neck of the
9 woods, in a lawsuit that has been brought by the
10 Beaches and their family against Parker's and
11 Alex and Buster Murdaugh. I'm going to ask you
12 some questions, and if you don't understand my
13 question, stop me. I'll be happy to go back and
14 repeat it. Okay?
15 A Okay.
16 Q Today's primarily for me is to gather
17 information from you, what you know, and going
18 through your file and trying to understand it.
19 Okay?
20 A Okay.
21 Q If you need a break, I'll be happy to
22 take a break. Okay?
23 A Sure.
24 Q I understand that you have counsel here
25 today; is that correct?

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1 Q Okay. In any event, could you just
2 tell us your full name, please?
3 A Michael Lodge Brock, Sr.
4 Q That sort of tells us that you have a
5 child?
6 A I do.
7 Q Okay. You are married as I understand,
8 correct?
9 A Yes, sir.
10 Q And your wife's name is?
11 A Sarah.
12 Q I understand that you live in the low
13 country. We're not going to ask for your
14 address today because of the agency you work
15 with.
16 A Right.
17 Q But are you a lifelong resident of the
18 low country?
19 A Yes, sir.
20 Q Okay. And do you have any family
21 members that live in Hampton County?
22 A I do not.
23 Q All right. Do you have any family
24 members that live in Beaufort County?
25 A Yes, sir.

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1 A Yes, sir.
2 Q And you are currently working for SLED;
3 is that right?
4 A That's right.
5 Q He's counsel through SLED?
6 A Yes, sir.
7 Q At the time you did all the
8 investigation we're dealing with today, you were
9 with a different agency; is that correct?
10 A That's correct.
11 Q Have you had a chance to talk with Mr.
12 Craig Jones about your deposition?
13 A I have not. He contacted me about a
14 form or the interview statements.
15 Q Okay.
16 A And asked me about it, but nothing
17 about a deposition in particular.
18 Q And I guess, what I was trying to find
19 out, had you had a chance to understand what a
20 deposition is so I don't --
21 A Yep.
22 Q And I understand your wife is a lawyer,
23 correct?
24 A She graduated from law school. She
25 hasn't been admitted to the bar yet. Yes, sir.

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1 Q All right. Do you have any that live
2 in Beaufort County?
3 A I live in Jasper.
4 Q Jasper. Okay. And who -- what family
5 members do you have in Beaufort County other
6 than the last name of Brock?
7 A My grandmother.
8 Q And her last name is?
9 A Howard.
10 Q Okay. Anybody else?
11 A My sister. Her last name is Beckinmire
12 (ph). Her married name is Beckinmire.
13 Q All right.
14 A And of course her husband, I don't know
15 how --
16 Q Well, of course, her husband, his last
17 name is Beckinmire?
18 A Yes, sir.
19 Q All right. What does he do?
20 A He's -- he works for Hardeeville Fire
21 Department.
22 Q Okay.
23 A And I believe that's it.
24 Q What does your sister do?
25 A She works at Beaufort Academy.



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1 **Q What does she do over there?**
 2 **A I believe -- I think her title is**
 3 **director of admissions or something along those**
 4 **lines.**
 5 **Q How long has she been there?**
 6 **A I would say two or three years. She**
 7 **used to be an RN at Beaufort Memorial, but she**
 8 **left two or three years ago, if I remember**
 9 **right.**
 10 **Q I just didn't recognize the name for**
 11 **Beaufort Academy.**
 12 **A Yeah.**
 13 **Q Tell me a little bit -- where did you**
 14 **go to high school.**
 15 **A Thomas Heyward in Ridgeland.**
 16 **Q And when did you graduate?**
 17 **A '96.**
 18 **Q How old are you?**
 19 **A Forty-two.**
 20 **Q And after you graduated from Thomas**
 21 **Heyward, did you go to college?**
 22 **A USC.**
 23 **Q In Columbia?**
 24 **A Yes, sir.**
 25 **Q And graduated from Carolina?**

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1 **distance program with University of Cincinnati?**
 2 **A It was several years. I had already**
 3 **started.**
 4 **Q Was your first job out of school with**
 5 **the Georgia DNR?**
 6 **A Well, I worked for South Carolina DNR**
 7 **while I was in school.**
 8 **Q Okay.**
 9 **A And then I graduated and I stayed for**
 10 **another year in dispatch office and then I**
 11 **applied with Georgia and started there in '02.**
 12 **December of '02.**
 13 **Q And how long were you there?**
 14 **A Until February of '06.**
 15 **Q And then at that time did you come back**
 16 **to South Carolina?**
 17 **A Yes, sir.**
 18 **Q And did -- when you came back were you**
 19 **employed with SCDNR?**
 20 **A Yes, sir.**
 21 **Q And how long were you with SCDNR?**
 22 **A Until March of this year.**
 23 **Q And at that time you went to work for**
 24 **SLED?**
 25 **A Yes, sir.**

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1 **A In 2001.**
 2 **Q And your degree was in what?**
 3 **A Criminal justice.**
 4 **Q Have you had any additional education**
 5 **such as a master degree?**
 6 **A University of Cincinnati.**
 7 **Q And what kind of degree -- are you**
 8 **still in courses there?**
 9 **A I graduated in '07, I believe.**
 10 **Q And what kind of degree did you get**
 11 **from there?**
 12 **A Master's in criminal justice.**
 13 **Q Did you go to Cincinnati?**
 14 **A It was a distance program.**
 15 **Q Distance?**
 16 **A Yep.**
 17 **Q Were you working at that time?**
 18 **A I was.**
 19 **Q Where were you working?**
 20 **A When I started I was with the Georgia**
 21 **Department of natural Resources and when I**
 22 **finished in '07, I had already come back to**
 23 **South Carolina.**
 24 **Q All right. When you graduated from**
 25 **Carolina, did you then go to work and do your**

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1 **Q Now, with your employment with SCDNR,**
 2 **tell me about the positions you've held over**
 3 **there.**
 4 **A I was a field officer from '06 until, I**
 5 **believe, it was 2016. And then I moved over**
 6 **into the investigation section until I left for**
 7 **SLED.**
 8 **Q All right. And you used the term**
 9 **"field officer." I've also heard conservation**
 10 **officer?**
 11 **A Conservation officer, game warden.**
 12 **Q I'm just seeing CO on a lot of your**
 13 **reports, so I want to make there is no**
 14 **distinction.**
 15 **A Yes, sir.**
 16 **Q Okay. And your training, I assume,**
 17 **you've been to the South Carolina Criminal**
 18 **Justice Academy?**
 19 **A I did. I went to Georgia Public Safety**
 20 **Training Center and then when I came back to**
 21 **South Carolina, I believe, it was two or three**
 22 **weeks. Basically, a course in such state laws**
 23 **and how things are done in South Carolina, so I**
 24 **didn't go through the complete academy here.**
 25 **Q Was that a refresher course or local**



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1 rules course, was that done in Columbia at the
 2 criminal justice academy?
 3 A It was done -- we did part of it in
 4 Charleston while we were going through wildlife
 5 school so there was a group of us that were
 6 already certified. And then we finished in
 7 Columbia at the academy.
 8 Q Certified in what?
 9 A Prior law enforcement.
 10 Q All right. And then when you became an
 11 investigator in 2016, why did you -- did you
 12 apply to move to the investigator position?
 13 A Yes, sir.
 14 Q And as an investigator, what were your
 15 duties?
 16 A We investigate boating fatalities, no
 17 wake zones, stolen boats and motors, titling
 18 violations, and then each investigator is also a
 19 member of what they call the "be safe team." So
 20 you work events like the water festival or
 21 Rockville Regatta, just heavy boat traffic
 22 events.
 23 Q So you go all over the state for that?
 24 A Yes, sir.
 25 Q And as a DNR, you had statewide

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1 A Yes, sir. Same areas.
 2 Q And back in February of 2019, you were
 3 an investigator; is that correct?
 4 A Yes.
 5 Q With DNR?
 6 A Yes.
 7 Q And I'm assuming, but I don't want to
 8 assume anything, have you ever worked a fatality
 9 before?
 10 A I did.
 11 Q And how many fatalities over the course
 12 of your career do you think you have done?
 13 A Prior to this one?
 14 Q Yes, sir.
 15 A I was either the actual lead
 16 investigator or assisted in, I would say, 6 to
 17 10, somewhere around there.
 18 Q Okay. And that was as a lead
 19 investigator?
 20 A That was lead or assisting.
 21 Q Okay. And what kind of training do you
 22 get to be, let's say, investigate one?
 23 A We go to various interview courses.
 24 There is a -- NASBLA does a week-long accident
 25 class in Tallahassee.

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1 jurisdiction?
 2 A That's correct.
 3 Q And then in 2020 or sometime in 2020 --
 4 March of 2020, you went to work for SLED?
 5 A Yes.
 6 Q And when did you apply for your job
 7 with SLED?
 8 A It would have been the fall of 2019.
 9 It may have been August.
 10 Q All right. And what sort of made you
 11 want to go over to SLED and leave DNR?
 12 A I've always been interested in working
 13 at SLED. I applied at both places and DNR
 14 called me first and -- but I always maintained
 15 that interest there and when a position opened,
 16 I applied for it.
 17 Q Okay. And what position do you hold at
 18 DNR -- excuse me -- SLED? I'm sorry.
 19 A I'm an agent in the alcohol enforcement
 20 unit.
 21 Q And we just took Chandler Horney's
 22 deposition. She is in the alcohol enforcement?
 23 A Yes, sir. We are in the same team, if
 24 you will.
 25 Q Yep. You-all work the same counties?

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1 Q NASBLA is the acronym for something?
 2 A It's the national -- National
 3 Association of Boating Law Administrators or
 4 something along those lines.
 5 Q Okay.
 6 A It's a week-long class in accident
 7 reconstruction.
 8 Q And did you take that course?
 9 A Yes, sir.
 10 Q And when did you take that course?
 11 A I believe that was in October of '19.
 12 Q So that would have been --
 13 A After. Yes, sir.
 14 Q -- after?
 15 A And then there's -- also -- and that's
 16 the Level 2 class. That is people all over the
 17 area from various agencies that go to that one.
 18 Prior to that one you have to complete Level 1
 19 and I believe -- trying to think where I took
 20 that one -- that was in Jacksonville. So I
 21 completed that course in Jacksonville and that
 22 was in May of '16. It was shortly after I
 23 started in the investigation unit.
 24 Q Okay. So you did Level 1 in 2016.
 25 Level 2 in 2019?



1 A Yes, sir.
 2 Q Okay. And I guess I'm sort of curious
 3 about this. I'll be quick. What are you
 4 learning in Level 1 versus Level 2?
 5 A Level 2 is more centered around
 6 reconstructing. Level 1 is just the basic
 7 introduction to various types of -- you'll learn
 8 about striations on boats and puncture marks and
 9 you'll do a little bit about a reconstruction on
 10 that, boat fires. Level 2 is centered around
 11 mostly just reconstruction. They'll have --
 12 they'll set up various accidents and then each
 13 team will go in and try to reconstruct those
 14 accidents to reflect as accurately as possible
 15 based on the damage and just gives you a
 16 foundation of letting the evidence take you
 17 where it takes you and come to the conclusion
 18 that you have. So it's more just in depth,
 19 Level 2 is.
 20 Q All right. Now, back on February 24th,
 21 2019, you were an investigator for SCDNR,
 22 correct?
 23 A Yes, sir.
 24 Q And you received a call from -- to an
 25 accident that happened, I believe, in Archers

1 Creek?
 2 A I did.
 3 Q And do you recall this?
 4 A Yes, sir.
 5 Q And I've given you what we've marked as
 6 Exhibit 1. That is your timeline; is that
 7 correct?
 8 A That's correct.
 9 (Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit
 10 Number 1 was marked for
 11 identification.)
 12 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 13 Q DNR -- seems like a lot of people with
 14 DNR did a timeline. Is that something they
 15 teach you to do when you're in investigations?
 16 A Yes, sir.
 17 Q You have done something most of
 18 everybody else didn't do, you identified
 19 individuals by their call number, I guess?
 20 A Yes, sir.
 21 Q So when were you notified about this
 22 particular incident?
 23 A On here it's 5:18, so at 5:18 a.m.
 24 Q And L20 is that Lieutenant Camlin?
 25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q All right. And how was it that you
 2 were contacted for this particular accident?
 3 A I believe I was on call that weekend,
 4 but I was also the closest.
 5 Q All right. And do you make any notes
 6 other than what you have like your timeline, and
 7 I've given you a supplemental report or report
 8 that you did. Do you make any other notes about
 9 your investigations?
 10 A I'll jot down times so I know when we
 11 go back to do the timeline I know when I did
 12 what and who I spoke with.
 13 Q Do you keep those notes anywhere?
 14 A No, sir.
 15 Q What do you do with the notes after?
 16 A Destroy them.
 17 Q Do you have like -- at that time did
 18 you have like a state-issued phone?
 19 A I did.
 20 Q And I've seen photographs and we'll
 21 look at those in a minute. Do you take them on
 22 the state-issued phone or do you have a camera?
 23 A I have a camera.
 24 Q Do you also have a recorder that is
 25 state issued?

1 A I do.
 2 Q All right. And do you interview
 3 individuals with your recorder on?
 4 A Not every time. No, sir.
 5 Q What would prompt you to do it, to
 6 record somebody?
 7 A It just depends. If I don't think I'm
 8 going to see them again or along those lines,
 9 but just a case-by-case basis. Or if I'm going
 10 to sit down like this in an interview like this,
 11 I would tend to have a recorder.
 12 Q I guess about six lawyers sitting
 13 around you probably would. Like in a meeting
 14 you do with DNR would you record that or is it
 15 witnesses you record or -- I'm trying figure out
 16 what would prompt you to say, this is a meeting
 17 I probably put down on --
 18 A Just typically interview a witness.
 19 Q When you do that are those times kept
 20 -- let me ask you: This is a digital recorder?
 21 A It is a digital recorder.
 22 Q Okay. And was that state issued?
 23 A Yes.
 24 Q And seems like we've talked to Craig
 25 and he said not everybody gets a recorder. Did



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1 you get one?
 2 A I went and bought one and -- but I used
 3 the state-issued P-card, the purchase card, so I
 4 went and bought it on my own.
 5 Q I gotcha. And then when you left DNR,
 6 did you leave it with DNR or did you keep that?
 7 A I still have it, yeah.
 8 Q Okay. Now, do you recall what you were
 9 told when you were notified by Lieutenant Camlin
 10 about the incident?
 11 A It was along the lines of there's been
 12 an incident possible fatality. I believe she
 13 said there was one person missing, unaccounted
 14 for, and then she said Adam Henderson, who is
 15 the supervisor here was on scene and to contact
 16 him and get more details, so that's what I did.
 17 Q All right. And help me out. Is Adam
 18 Henderson 480?
 19 A Yes, sir.
 20 Q And what is Adam Henderson's position?
 21 A First sergeant.
 22 Q Is there any reason Adam Henderson
 23 would have been given the call as opposed to the
 24 investigator for a boat accident?
 25 A I believe they were called just because

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1 in detail he went into and he told me who was
 2 involved and -- some of the occupants on the
 3 boat and --
 4 Q Did you know any of the occupants?
 5 A I don't know -- I did not know any of
 6 the occupants personally, but I knew family
 7 members.
 8 Q Okay.
 9 A He told me, you know, gist of what
 10 happened, the boat had struck the bridge and one
 11 person was missing and there was a couple of
 12 injuries and they had gone to the hospital, and
 13 I don't remember if he said that -- I know
 14 Austin Pritcher went to the hospital, but I
 15 don't know if Adam was there. But he was on the
 16 scene when I spoke with him.
 17 Q Let me ask you this: In your timeline
 18 when I looked at it, after you spoke with First
 19 Sergeant Henderson, you called back to
 20 Lieutenant Camlin, correct?
 21 A Yes, sir.
 22 Q And you contacted 484 on information.
 23 Who is 484?
 24 A Pritcher.
 25 Q And when you say Pritcher, Austin

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1 they are the local -- typically the local
 2 officers are notified because they are usually
 3 the closest there and then when they confirm
 4 some of the details and it looks like there is
 5 going to be a fatality and that's when we get
 6 notified.
 7 Q Okay. So you're not necessarily --
 8 this isn't the right term -- first responder,
 9 but you're not first on the scene as an
 10 investigator?
 11 A Not usually, no, sir.
 12 Q So is it going to be certain criteria
 13 before you get called in?
 14 A Yes, sir.
 15 Q And Adam Pritcher was the agent on
 16 call, but -- the CO on call that weekend?
 17 A Yes, sir.
 18 Q So when he got something like that, he
 19 notified his first sergeant?
 20 A Yes, sir.
 21 Q And when you contacted First Sergeant
 22 Henderson that was about 5:20, what information
 23 did he give you?
 24 A He told me that there had been an
 25 incident, and I don't remember exactly how much

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1 Pritcher?
 2 A Right.
 3 Q And I say that his father is also --
 4 A Right.
 5 Q And was it there that you got the
 6 information on the individuals from Austin?
 7 A Yes, sir.
 8 Q Did you give him any instructions on
 9 what to do?
 10 A To get -- document injuries and
 11 possible to get statements if they were
 12 cooperating with him or if they were able to
 13 speak or write, and to my knowledge, that's -- I
 14 don't know if he did anything else while he was
 15 there.
 16 Q Do you know if he was at the scene or
 17 was he at the hospital?
 18 A I don't recall if he went to the scene
 19 first and then was sent to the hospital, so I'm
 20 not 100 percent sure on that.
 21 Q All right. Let me ask you: At the
 22 time you get the call, is it then your
 23 investigation?
 24 A Yes, sir.
 25 Q You're making the calls of where they



1 should go and what they should do?
 2 A Yes, sir.
 3 Q You're actually the point man in charge
 4 and they are helping you, right?
 5 A Right.
 6 Q And in this case, two other
 7 investigators were brought in; is that correct?
 8 A I know Damian Yongue.
 9 Q Right.
 10 A And Captain Pritcher. I don't know if
 11 you're considering him. He's our supervisor, so
 12 I don't know. He came down to assist, but I
 13 don't know if he's the investigator.
 14 Q There's a Matthew Hammond?
 15 A Okay. He had just started with us.
 16 They called him down to assist and shadow
 17 experience, gain experience.
 18 Q Okay. As I understand, Mr. Hammond is
 19 from the Spartanburg area?
 20 A Yes, sir.
 21 Q And do you remember when Damian Yongue
 22 was called in?
 23 A I believe he was notified on that
 24 Monday, I believe, because I was going out of
 25 town that Tuesday, I think.

1 I called back to Lieutenant Camlin when Sergeant
 2 Henderson, who was involved, and I just went
 3 ahead and told her I'm familiar with the family
 4 and just to go ahead and put that up front. I'm
 5 not going to change how I did my job, but I
 6 didn't want that to come up and why didn't
 7 you...
 8 Q Okay. So you put them on notice that
 9 you knew -- first of all, which families did you
 10 know?
 11 A I knew the Murdaugh family.
 12 Q All right. Did you know the Doughtys?
 13 A No, sir.
 14 Q The Beaches?
 15 A No, sir. Well, yes, I knew her
 16 stepmother, Robin Gray. She went to Thomas
 17 Heyward.
 18 Q Your class or thereabouts?
 19 A She was, I would say, three or four
 20 years older than me.
 21 Q All right. Did you know any of the
 22 Altmans?
 23 A No, sir.
 24 Q All right. And then I think the other
 25 names would be the Cooks. Did you know any of

1 Q All right. So 24th was a Sunday?
 2 A Yes, sir.
 3 Q And you were set to be out of town that
 4 Monday?
 5 A It was either Monday or Tuesday. It
 6 may have been Tuesday.
 7 Q Okay. And if this helps any --
 8 A Okay.
 9 Q -- looking at that, right, you look at
 10 the back sheet, you got some time in there from
 11 the 23rd?
 12 A So it may have been Tuesday that I was
 13 going out of town.
 14 Q Now with that, you said Damian Yongue
 15 might have been brought in on Monday?
 16 A Yes, sir. I'm sure they would have
 17 notified -- given him a day's notice to be
 18 ready.
 19 Q All right. Were you actually pulled
 20 off the investigation?
 21 A I was -- I was put into an assisting
 22 role.
 23 Q And do you know why they moved you to
 24 an assisting role?
 25 A I would say it has to do with, I did --

1 the Cook family?
 2 A No, sir.
 3 Q And by that, I mean, I think Connor and
 4 Anthony Cook?
 5 A I know Cooks, but not that.
 6 Q A different family of Cooks?
 7 A Yes, sir.
 8 Q No. I understand that. Just like you
 9 know Griffith, but you didn't know me before
 10 today, I take it?
 11 A Right.
 12 Q And what was your relationship with the
 13 Murdaugh family that made you at least cross
 14 your mind that I better let my lieutenant know?
 15 A Just being from this area. I mean, a
 16 lot of people know the Murdaughs. I would
 17 depict the relationships as if you run into
 18 somebody, hey, how you doing? How is everybody?
 19 We're not -- I wouldn't classify it as friends.
 20 I mean, we don't go on vacations together or out
 21 to dinners or anything like that.
 22 Q All right. Did any of the Murdaughs
 23 give you a reference when you applied for DNR?
 24 A I do not remember that.
 25 Q Do you normally have to get a reference



1 to make the application?
 2 A Yes, sir.
 3 Q All right. And I understand your wife
 4 used to work --
 5 A She did.
 6 Q -- there?
 7 A Yes, sir.
 8 Q Was that before she went to law school?
 9 A During.
 10 Q While she was in law school?
 11 A During. During. Yep.
 12 Q And where did she go to law school?
 13 A Charleston.
 14 Q And I'm not trying to get too deep, but
 15 I have to dig a little bit. Your wife knows the
 16 Henderson family fairly well?
 17 A Yes. Yes.
 18 Q And she worked in the Jasper office?
 19 A That's correct.
 20 Q Do you know if she ever worked in the
 21 Hampton office?
 22 A She worked up there for the summer,
 23 maybe the summer of '18, possibly.
 24 Q Did she work for any individual or was
 25 it just sort of the entire office?

1 when you got there, did you go straight to the
 2 scene or did you go to hospital?
 3 A I went to the hospital first.
 4 (Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit
 5 Number 2 was marked for
 6 identification.)
 7 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 8 Q All right. And then do one other
 9 thing. Exhibit 2 is a supplemental report. So
 10 first of all, did you do any other report or is
 11 this just the form it's on?
 12 A This is a form.
 13 Q Okay. So this is the only report that
 14 you did?
 15 A And then there should be the initial
 16 boating accident report.
 17 Q Did you fill that out?
 18 A Myself and CO Hammond, Investigator
 19 Hammond.
 20 Q Okay. But it's signed off by Yongue;
 21 is that correct?
 22 A That's probably final.
 23 Q Okay. All right. Well, do you
 24 remember taking a look at this, did you go to
 25 the scene of the accident first or did you come

1 A The entire office.
 2 Q All right. Did -- were you ever told
 3 they were just going to pull you off because you
 4 made known a potential -- I won't call it a
 5 conflict, but a potential conflict, I guess?
 6 A I don't remember if they stated that
 7 specifically, but I mean very well could have
 8 been a reason.
 9 Q It was never voiced to you?
 10 A It may have been. I don't recall. But
 11 it would make sense. I wouldn't disagree with
 12 that.
 13 Q All right. Do you remember what you
 14 did, and feel free to refer to your timeline,
 15 what you did do during your investigation on the
 16 first day anyway?
 17 A I just basically stayed in contact with
 18 the supervisors letting them know what was going
 19 on. Let's see. Made call about obtaining
 20 search warrants. I called and got the on-call
 21 magistrate's information. Just stayed in
 22 contact with the -- Sergeant Henderson, see if
 23 there was any changes and this is on my way
 24 there.
 25 Q Okay. And do you remember what time --

1 to Beaufort Memorial?
 2 A Looks like I went to the hospital first
 3 and I met CO Pritcher.
 4 Q All right. And just going back on your
 5 timeline, does that refresh your memory you
 6 directed Officer Pritcher to go to the hospital
 7 to obtain information while you're en route?
 8 A Either myself or Sergeant Henderson had
 9 CO Pritcher go to the hospital.
 10 Q All right. At that time were you
 11 looking for an operator?
 12 A Yes, sir.
 13 Q All right. And then you went to the
 14 hospital, met Pritcher?
 15 A Yes, sir.
 16 Q Tell me what went on while you were
 17 there at the hospital.
 18 A Let's see. He advised that several of
 19 the occupants had already left as we were
 20 walking into the hospital. Is it Doughty or
 21 Doty?
 22 Q I think Doughty is how she pronounces
 23 it.
 24 A Ms. Doughty, and, I believe, her mother
 25 were walking out. I spoke to her briefly. She



1 was obviously shaken up and she was with her
 2 mother and they -- I briefly spoke to her and
 3 let her know we would like to possibly speak
 4 with her again and her and her mother left.
 5 **Q Tell me what you spoke with Ms. Doughy**
 6 **about?**
 7 A Just about what happened and obtaining
 8 a statement.
 9 **Q Did she tell you off the -- off the**
 10 **cuff what happened so you got a better**
 11 **understanding?**
 12 A Not really. She was -- not that I can
 13 remember. I don't know if CO Pritcher or myself
 14 received a statement from her that morning or
 15 not.
 16 **Q Did you ask her who was driving the**
 17 **boat?**
 18 A I don't -- I don't remember.
 19 **Q Did she volunteer that information?**
 20 **Feel free to look at your statement if you want**
 21 **to.**
 22 A Okay. She stated that she thought
 23 Connor Cook -- Connor Cook may have been
 24 operating, but she was just assuming.
 25 **Q And did you ask her what made her think**

1 **Q All right. Now, that's not in your**
 2 **report. Do you just happen to remember that she**
 3 **told you all this information or you just still**
 4 **trying to piece everything together on what your**
 5 **investigation has done?**
 6 A This is just what I can remember.
 7 **Q Her telling you on that morning?**
 8 A Well, and just everything in -- to
 9 date.
 10 **Q I'm just looking for what you remember**
 11 **she said that night because you may have**
 12 **interviewed her again. I don't think so, but at**
 13 **that point in time --**
 14 A I don't believe that I did.
 15 **Q Did you find it important or did you**
 16 **tell Pritcher since he was with you make a note**
 17 **of what she just said?**
 18 A I don't remember what he wrote down or
 19 what I told him.
 20 **Q As the investigator though, wouldn't**
 21 **that be important to say we got to get all this**
 22 **information down and if we're not sitting a year**
 23 **and half now in a deposition, we're probably**
 24 **going to be in a courtroom on some, be it,**
 25 **magistrate's court or somewhere else?**

1 **that Mr. Cook was operating the boat?**
 2 A I don't remember.
 3 **Q And, I mean, at this point you directed**
 4 **Pritcher to find out to determine who was**
 5 **operating the boat, right?**
 6 A Right.
 7 **Q I think Pritcher told you there were**
 8 **two possible operators?**
 9 A That's correct.
 10 **Q And you got one of the people on the**
 11 **boat saying that Connor Cook was operating, but**
 12 **I'm just assuming?**
 13 A Right.
 14 **Q And you didn't go into any more detail**
 15 **about that or why?**
 16 A From what I remember, she said he was
 17 the last one that she saw operating, but she was
 18 in the front of the boat and they had been
 19 switching in and out throughout the night.
 20 **Q Did she tell you where they had been or**
 21 **what they had done?**
 22 A She said they had gone to the oyster
 23 roast for several hours and then on the way back
 24 stopped at the downtown waterfront area and then
 25 they left from there to go home.

1 A Yes, sir.
 2 **Q Was it important at that time to keep**
 3 **up with what was going on?**
 4 A Yes, sir.
 5 **Q Did you make a note of it?**
 6 A I don't remember.
 7 **Q Would you normally do that in your**
 8 **investigation?**
 9 A I can't -- there was a lengthy
 10 conversation in the parking lot at the hospital.
 11 **Q Okay. So all she said that stuck with**
 12 **you is that Connor Cook may have been operating**
 13 **the boat but she was just assuming?**
 14 A Yes, sir.
 15 **Q You did tell her you would be in touch**
 16 **for a follow-up interview?**
 17 A That's correct.
 18 **Q Did you ever follow up and have an**
 19 **interview with her, to your memory?**
 20 A I did not.
 21 **Q She did give an interview?**
 22 A I believe I'm aware of that.
 23 **Q All right. And who was that with?**
 24 A I would assume it would be the --
 25 Investigator Yongue.



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1 Q Okay. Do you know if he was with
2 Special Agent Horney from SLED?
3 A I'm not aware of that.
4 Q Okay.
5 A But --
6 Q All right. So after you got to the
7 hospital, looks like got advised that Connor was
8 no longer there. Was anybody there after you
9 got there?
10 A Not that I remember. CO Pritcher
11 advised that Connor was still in the emergency
12 room so we went inside. We were unable to
13 locate him and we asked the nurse about where he
14 was -- where he was located and the nurse
15 advised that he had been transported to MUSC for
16 surgery and we left and went to the scene of the
17 incident.
18 Q All right. Now, I assume you and
19 Pritcher were riding in different vehicles at
20 the time?
21 A Yes, sir.
22 Q When you got to the scene of the
23 incident that was down at Berkeley Bridge?
24 A That's what they call it.
25 Q At Archers Creek?

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1 hospital 7:00, you spoke with 484. Who is 484?
2 I'm sorry. I forgot.
3 A CO Pritcher.
4 Q So that's when you left the hospital
5 when you called him and said this is what's
6 going on here?
7 A Spoke with him and called Lieutenant
8 Camlin at 7:06 to give her the update on the
9 injuries and all that.
10 Q Now, you called Judge McIntyre, I
11 assume, that was to get some type of search
12 warrant?
13 A Yes, sir.
14 Q What were you trying to get a search
15 warrant for?
16 A I believe that was for -- let me look
17 here.
18 Q I'm not trying to trip you up here.
19 Let me see if I can help you out.
20 A That would be for the boat and GPS.
21 Q Well, let me just show you this. This
22 looks like your search warrant, which is DNR
23 Bates-stamped 571 and 572, which are the numbers
24 down there. This appears to be the search
25 warrant, doesn't it?

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1 A At Archers Creek.
2 Q Okay. Do you remember how many
3 agencies were there and who was there?
4 A I know the military had some personnel.
5 Q Port Royal present?
6 A They may have been. Beaufort County
7 Sheriff's Office, and I don't know if anybody
8 from Parris Island, the fire department was
9 there or not.
10 Q Okay. Do you remember what time you
11 would have gotten to the scene?
12 A I would say around 7:21 a.m.
13 Q All right. And in your timeline that
14 is where you spoke to Camlin -- Lieutenant
15 Camlin about someone meeting with Connor Cook at
16 MUSC, correct?
17 A Yes. Getting one of the local
18 Charleston officers there to meet there.
19 Q Why does that make you think that was
20 when you got to the --
21 A Because I left the hospital -- I mean,
22 from the hospital to that area --
23 Q Five minutes?
24 A Five, 10 minutes, yeah.
25 Q So where do you see you left the

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1 A Yes, sir.
2 Q And Judge McIntyre, I believe, that's
3 his signature. He signed the affidavit. You
4 signed the affidavit and he signed the note to
5 replace, right?
6 A Yes, sir.
7 Q And you would have been trying to get a
8 search warrant to look at the boat or obtain any
9 information in the boat; is that right?
10 A That's correct.
11 Q While were going to talk about in a
12 minute, after the warrant you then have to, I
13 guess, prepare a return?
14 A Correct.
15 Q All right. And that's what you
16 obtained from your warrant?
17 A Yes, sir.
18 Q Which is 574?
19 A Right.
20 Q All right. I believe, Judge Sproatt.
21 I always have trouble with his name. Signed the
22 return; is that right?
23 A Yes, sir.
24 Q And I'm sorry. Did McIntyre ultimately
25 sign the search warrant for you, correct?



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1 A Correct.
 2 Q All right. And so then you did your
 3 search and took it back and told Judge Sproatt
 4 what you had?
 5 A Correct.
 6 Q All right. See at that time you were
 7 trying to get with Judge McIntyre around 7:15,
 8 7:20, was it important that you got a proper
 9 search warrant?
 10 A Yes, sir.
 11 Q All right. And then you get to the
 12 scene, correct?
 13 A Correct.
 14 Q Did you take a look at the boat?
 15 A I did.
 16 Q Tell me what you found on the boat.
 17 A As far as damage?
 18 Q Yes, sir. At that point in time, could
 19 you go and take anything out of the boat?
 20 A I didn't take anything out of the boat.
 21 I took -- let's see. I believe we took some
 22 initial photographs.
 23 Q It wouldn't have been proper to take
 24 anything out of the boat without a warrant,
 25 right?

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1 Q Well, the photo log indicates it?
 2 A Yes, sir.
 3 Q All right.
 4 Does it have the inventory on the back
 5 of yours?
 6 MS. BOWER: Yes.
 7 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 8 Q Because mine doesn't. I just want to
 9 make sure you have the page I shorted myself.
 10 Is that the inventory you did after you
 11 took these photographs that afternoon?
 12 A Yes, sir.
 13 Q All right. What I want to do real
 14 quick while I'm on this, I got there quicker
 15 than I meant to. These photographs were taken
 16 on the afternoon, correct?
 17 A Yes.
 18 Q All right. And when I look at this --
 19 and just so -- look at the back, there's 38
 20 photographs; is that correct, I'm just looking
 21 here?
 22 A Thirty-nine.
 23 Q Thirty-nine. Okay.
 24 A Yes, sir.
 25 Q Sorry.

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1 A Yes, sir.
 2 Q So at this time you're just viewing the
 3 boat, right?
 4 A Yes, sir. Just noting the damage.
 5 Q Tell me what damage you saw to the
 6 boat.
 7 A It -- I believe it had substantial
 8 damage to the port side, left side.
 9 Q Glad you said that, but go ahead.
 10 A But like a solid hit and then the boat
 11 was -- the boat was sitting on the rocks.
 12 Q Okay.
 13 A And there was some blood on the inside
 14 obviously from the other injured -- injured
 15 parties.
 16 Q Did you take photographs of the boat at
 17 that time one at a time? I think you took
 18 photographs on two different occasions. This is
 19 -- I think you took it on the afternoon once the
 20 boat got pulled?
 21 A Yes. This is the boat on the trailer
 22 at the landing at Battery Creek.
 23 Q Okay. Okay. And you took these
 24 photographs?
 25 A Yes, sir.

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1 MR. TINSLEY: Just for the record,
 2 I don't think that's correct. I think
 3 they continued the numbers.
 4 MR. GRIFFITH: Well, what happened
 5 is that yours -- mine printed
 6 two-sided.
 7 MR. TINSLEY: So you did short us
 8 a page on the front.
 9 MR. GRIFFITH: But I didn't on the
 10 back. And -- and that's what I was
 11 looking at.
 12 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 13 Q What I'm looking at is -- you do a
 14 photo log, correct?
 15 A Yes, sir.
 16 Q And here this shows on 374 is the photo
 17 log starting that gives all the numbers of the
 18 pictures and what you're taking pictures of,
 19 correct?
 20 A Yes, sir.
 21 Q And just so when I hook at this, the
 22 date says 2/14, that would be a typo, I take it?
 23 A Yes, sir.
 24 Q Nothing other than that, correct?
 25 A No, sir.



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1 Q And is the start time at 5:15?
 2 A Yes, sir.
 3 Q And --
 4 A Yes, sir.
 5 Q And there's also an inventory on the
 6 one you have.
 7 A Okay.
 8 Q And that inventory, did you make that
 9 boat inventory?
 10 A It was either myself or Investigator
 11 Hammond. We were there at the same time.
 12 Q So going back to when you first at the
 13 scene, and we'll mark this as Exhibit 3. Okay?
 14 (Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit
 15 Number 3 was marked for
 16 identification.)
 17 THE WITNESS: Okay.
 18 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 19 Q When you got to the scene that morning,
 20 there was damage, separation of the cap and
 21 hull, pretty severe damage to the port side,
 22 right?
 23 A Yes, sir.
 24 Q In your report you make a note the
 25 throttle was in reverse and the engine was

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1 A Yes, sir.
 2 Q When you got there?
 3 A Yes, sir.
 4 Q And in that inventory, did you ever
 5 find a wallet or a driver's license or any type
 6 of identification?
 7 A No, sir.
 8 Q For any of the occupants?
 9 A I do not remember one.
 10 Q Okay. And had there been one, would
 11 you put it on the inventory?
 12 A Yes, sir.
 13 Q Or would you have given it back to
 14 somebody?
 15 A No. It would have stayed with us.
 16 Q All right. Little bit later that day
 17 and see if we can find it on your timeline. You
 18 met with one of the witnesses or one of the
 19 occupants; is that correct?
 20 MR. TINSLEY: Object to the form.
 21 THE WITNESS: Where is that?
 22 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 23 Q I don't know. I was asking you if it
 24 was on your timeline. I see it in your
 25 supplemental report that you met with A. Cook,

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1 trimmed up?
 2 A Yes.
 3 Q And why is that significant?
 4 A I would imagine when the boat bounced
 5 off the dolphins, you know, the wood pilings in
 6 front of the bridge and went up on to the bank
 7 that would indicate to me that they were trying
 8 to get off of the -- the boat wasn't in neutral.
 9 It's still in gear. It was in reverse, so that
 10 would indicate they were trying to get off.
 11 Q Trying to back it off?
 12 A Yes, sir.
 13 Q Did you ever follow up with any of your
 14 investigation or any of your interviews with
 15 whether anybody tried to do that?
 16 A I did not. I don't know if Damian --
 17 Investigator Yongue did.
 18 Q All right. And then you say you
 19 noticed articles of clothing in there?
 20 A Yes, sir.
 21 Q And at that time you could not take
 22 them out of the boat, correct?
 23 A Correct.
 24 Q Were those articles inventoried then
 25 that afternoon?

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1 Anthony Cook, who was one of the boat occupants.
 2 I met with Anthony Cook who was one of the --
 3 A Yes.
 4 Q And I was just wondering on your
 5 interview or at least on your timeline, did you
 6 note what time that was?
 7 A It doesn't appear so.
 8 Q Do you recall if that was a written
 9 statement that you took from Anthony Cook or did
 10 you get a statement from Mr. Cook?
 11 A I believe I wrote the statement for
 12 him.
 13 Q Okay. And let me so you -- what we'll
 14 mark as Exhibit 4.
 15 A Yes.
 16 (Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit
 17 Number 4 was marked for
 18 identification.)
 19 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 20 Q Is that the statement that you took for
 21 Mr. Cook?
 22 A Yes, sir.
 23 Q All right. Now, on Exhibit 4, page 2,
 24 it says this statement was written by
 25 Investigator Michael Brock as told by Keith



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1 **Anthony Cook. Mr. Cook has an injury preventing**
 2 **from writing; is that correct?**
 3 A Yes, sir.
 4 **Q Also on this statement --**
 5 **MR. TINSLEY: Object to the form.**
 6 **BY MR. GRIFFITH:**
 7 **Q Is that what it said that you wrote it?**
 8 A Yes, sir.
 9 **Q All right. I don't know. I thought I**
 10 **read it?**
 11 **MR. TINSLEY: You did. I just --**
 12 **whether it was correct or whether --**
 13 **that's what my objection was to the**
 14 **question.**
 15 **MR. GRIFFITH: I gotcha. I'm**
 16 **sorry.**
 17 **MR. TINSLEY: Yeah.**
 18 **BY MR. GRIFFITH:**
 19 **Q And on this statement, this statement,**
 20 **this was done on the SCDNR Law Enforcement**
 21 **statement form; is that correct?**
 22 A Yes, sir.
 23 **Q At the bottom, there is a question --**
 24 **there is a question was interview taped and what**
 25 **did you put on there?**

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1 A Twice for yes and twice audio only.
 2 **Q Okay. Did -- does that indicate that**
 3 **you possibly took an audio recording of it?**
 4 A Somebody reading it, it would, yes,
 5 sir.
 6 **Q As I look down on Bates stamp 319,**
 7 **first page says was interview taped? You**
 8 **circled no and then crossed it off, didn't-you?**
 9 A Yes, sir.
 10 **Q So again, that's about five attempts of**
 11 **making sure that it's taped, correct?**
 12 A It would appear that, yes, sir.
 13 **Q All right. Do you know where that tape**
 14 **is?**
 15 A I don't have it. And I don't know -- I
 16 don't recall taping it.
 17 **Q All right. You have a state-issued**
 18 **recorder, correct?**
 19 A Yes, sir.
 20 **Q Digital recorder?**
 21 A Yes, sir.
 22 **Q And you know at this point in time**
 23 **there is possibly at least one person missing**
 24 **and a death as a result of this?**
 25 A Yes, sir.

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1 A I put yes. Audio only.
 2 **Q Okay. And not only on that page, but**
 3 **also on page 2 you again circled yes and audio**
 4 **only. Would this have been a statement that you**
 5 **would have taped because it was written by you**
 6 **as opposed to Mr. Cook?**
 7 A It's possible, but I don't remember --
 8 I don't remember if I actually did report it or
 9 not.
 10 **Q All right. And you had been with DNR**
 11 **at this point somewhere around four years or**
 12 **better; is that right?**
 13 A Yes, sir.
 14 **Q Well, actually more than that 10 years**
 15 **as a field officer and four years as an**
 16 **investigator?**
 17 A Yes, sir.
 18 **Q You're familiar with this form,**
 19 **correct?**
 20 A I am.
 21 **Q You have to look at and circle yes not**
 22 **once, but twice; is that correct?**
 23 A Yes, sir.
 24 **Q And you circled four times that you**
 25 **taped it, correct, yes, audio only on two pages?**

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1 **Q You want to be as detailed as possible,**
 2 **right?**
 3 A Correct.
 4 **Q And the first person you didn't make a**
 5 **note of it?**
 6 A No, sir.
 7 **Q You recorded it. But now you're**
 8 **telling me you don't think you did?**
 9 A I don't have a recording, and I don't
 10 remember if I recorded it or not.
 11 **Q Did he tell you this verbatim or is**
 12 **this something that is a summary of what he told**
 13 **you?**
 14 A I don't remember if it is verbatim or
 15 if it's -- I didn't paraphrase anything. I
 16 would assume it was verbatim.
 17 **Q Well, and the reason you say now you**
 18 **assume it is verbatim, but if we had a tape, we**
 19 **would know it was verbatim or not, wouldn't we?**
 20 A Yes, sir.
 21 **Q And whenever you take a statement at**
 22 **least at DNR, you also follow up with a record**
 23 **of interview; is that correct, where you put**
 24 **down your thoughts what you heard as opposed to**
 25 **verbatim?**



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1 A I did on several of the interviews,
 2 yes.
 3 Q So far I've seen it happens basically
 4 on every interview. Do you know if you do it
 5 every interview or not?
 6 A No, sir, I have not.
 7 Q Well, what did Mr. Cook tell you
 8 occurred on that night?
 9 A Whenever they left Paukie, Paul was
 10 driving when Paul and Connor decided they wanted
 11 to go to downtown Beaufort. Paul went to the
 12 bar at downtown Beaufort and the rest of the
 13 group stayed on the dock. When they came back
 14 they were both pretty intoxicated. Whenever we
 15 pulled off the dock, Paul was driving, but they
 16 were in the captain seat horse-playing. They
 17 were getting mad and arguing with them and
 18 wanted me to drive the boat. So Connor tried to
 19 calm everybody down and let him drive the boat.
 20 So I finally told them to let me drive or put me
 21 on the dock. The throttle got slammed. By who,
 22 I don't know, and I got to the bottom of the
 23 boat and took Mallory with me. The next thing I
 24 know I woke up under the water under the bridge.
 25 Q He told you he fell asleep?

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1 I'm not 100 percent sure on that, but I believe
 2 that's -- it could be Sergeant Henderson or CO
 3 Pritcher.
 4 Q All right.
 5 A But that's not my handwriting.
 6 Q Okay. And do you know what that word
 7 is?
 8 A It looks like per Keith.
 9 Q Per Keith. So this is Keith's
 10 statement?
 11 A Yes, sir.
 12 Q Okay. But that's not your handwriting?
 13 A No, sir.
 14 Q All right. Was anybody present with
 15 you when you took the statement of Keith Anthony
 16 cook?
 17 A I mean, there were just people all
 18 around the scene. This was done at the scene.
 19 Q I'm talking was Pritcher or First
 20 Sergeant Henderson there?
 21 A They may have been there at the scene.
 22 They weren't there sitting while I was writing
 23 it out for them.
 24 Q All right. And that was my question.
 25 A Yes, sir.

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1 MR. TINSLEY: Object to the form.
 2 THE WITNESS: He just says next
 3 thing I wake up under the water, so I
 4 would GATHER he may have fallen asleep
 5 and when he wakes up he is under the
 6 water.
 7 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 8 Q Now, you read this verbatim, correct?
 9 A Yes, sir.
 10 Q This was taken on February 24th, 2019;
 11 is that correct?
 12 A Correct.
 13 Q This was the day of the incident?
 14 A Yes, sir.
 15 Q And I don't see a time on it. Do you
 16 have any idea what time it was taken?
 17 A I do not.
 18 Q All right. And this is actually three
 19 pages and on the last page is a diagram. Is
 20 that your handwriting?
 21 A No, sir.
 22 Q Okay. Do you know whose handwriting
 23 that is?
 24 A I believe it's Sergeant Henderson. I
 25 believe he had all the passengers possibly --

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1 Q Did Mr. Cook indicate to you that he
 2 had anything to drink, and by that, I mean
 3 Anthony Cook?
 4 A I believe so. Yes, sir.
 5 Q Did you make a note in your -- is that
 6 in the statement?
 7 A It's not in the statement. I believe
 8 they said everybody had been at some point.
 9 Q When you say "they," who is they?
 10 A The occupants of the boat.
 11 Q They said that everyone had been
 12 drinking?
 13 A Well, here it says Anthony probably had
 14 eight beers from 7:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.
 15 Q All right. And if he said that, it's
 16 not in his statement though, is it?
 17 A No, sir.
 18 Q Does that indicate to you this might
 19 not be verbatim then, that's not something you
 20 made up eight beers between and it looks
 21 1:00 a.m. not 10:00?
 22 A 1:00 a.m. Yes, sir.
 23 Q You didn't make that up, did you?
 24 A No, sir.
 25 Q And it's not in his statement that is



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1 given on the law enforcement statement form
 2 Defendant's Exhibit 3?
 3 A That's not this statement.
 4 Q All right. It also says in here they
 5 stayed -- Paul and Connor were the only ones in
 6 the bar. They stayed about 30 or 45 minutes and
 7 got back in the boat. That's not mentioned in
 8 this statement though, is it?
 9 A It says Paul went to the bar in
 10 downtown Beaufort and the rest of the group
 11 stayed at the dock.
 12 Q That's what Mr. Keith Cook told you?
 13 A Yes, sir.
 14 Q All right. I want to make sure Paul
 15 and Connor were the only ones to go to the bar.
 16 Did I misread that or did you misstate that by
 17 accident? I thought you said Paul was the only
 18 one that went to the bar?
 19 A That's what it says in the statement.
 20 Q That's what the handwritten statement
 21 says?
 22 A Yes.
 23 Q That was handwritten by you?
 24 A Yes.
 25 Q But in your report or supplemental

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1 where they put the boat? Where they parked the
 2 boat?
 3 A The day dock.
 4 Q Which one?
 5 A The one down by the bridge.
 6 Q All right. And how do you remember
 7 that? There's two day docks, aren't there?
 8 A Yes, sir.
 9 Q Okay.
 10 A I believe that was on the video.
 11 Q Okay. You watched videos?
 12 A Not at this point I haven't.
 13 Q But some point during your
 14 investigation, did you go back and watch the
 15 videos?
 16 A I believe I saw that one. Yes, sir.
 17 Q Okay. Paul was driving erratically and
 18 there was an argument about letting someone else
 19 drive. Anthony stated to Paul to let him drive
 20 or drop him off at the dock. In Exhibit 3, it
 21 says that Connor tried to calm everybody down
 22 and let him drive the boat. Does it say that
 23 Anthony also tried to -- it says everybody
 24 started yelling and arguing with him to let me,
 25 I assume, Anthony drive the boat, but Paul got

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1 report, Paul and Connor were the only ones to go
 2 to bar, correct?
 3 A Correct.
 4 Q Do you know which one it is?
 5 A Stayed on the dock and when they come
 6 back it indicated Paul and Connor.
 7 Q Do you know?
 8 A This could have been from notes.
 9 Q Notes that you threw away?
 10 A Yes, sir.
 11 Q Is your supplemental report, which is
 12 Exhibit 2, inconsistent with the handwritten
 13 statement as to who or how many people went to
 14 the bar?
 15 A It indicates Paul and they and it
 16 indicates multiple people.
 17 Q Went to the bar?
 18 A In the statement.
 19 Q Multiple people came back from the bar?
 20 A Yes.
 21 Q So they --
 22 A Mm-hmm.
 23 Q -- more than one?
 24 A Mm-hmm.
 25 Q And they got in the boat. Do you know

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1 defensive and started yelling, so Connor tried
 2 to drive the boat; is that right?
 3 A Yes, sir.
 4 Q All right.
 5 A According to Anthony.
 6 Q Did -- then it says they recall someone
 7 slammed the throttle down causing him and
 8 Mallory to go down on the deck of the boat and a
 9 few minutes later there was a collision. Does
 10 that basically summarize what it says?
 11 A Yes, sir.
 12 Q All right. Did -- first of all, did
 13 Keith Anthony Cook or Anthony Keith ever tell
 14 you he fell asleep, do you recall that, in the
 15 boat?
 16 A I remember him saying that he and
 17 Mallory laid down in the boat. I don't remember
 18 if they fell asleep. I do know they laid down
 19 behind the center console between the seat and
 20 the engine.
 21 Q All right. Did he ever tell you that
 22 the throttle was slammed down more than once and
 23 he made a comment to Paul Murdaugh if that
 24 happened again he was going to have to deal with
 25 him or words to that effect?



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1 A I don't remember that. I remember --
 2 no, sir. I don't -- I remember there being
 3 arguments and I would assume threats involved in
 4 that, but I don't -- I don't remember exactly
 5 what they were in relation to.
 6 Q Okay. Do you remember if Mr. Cook,
 7 that being Anthony or Keith Anthony Cook, ever
 8 told you after the boat accident that he and
 9 Paul got into an argument?
 10 A I remember he said he was walking
 11 around yelling trying to go back in the water.
 12 Q Did you ever hear any of the sheriff's
 13 department audio where he was -- made a comment
 14 to Paul Murdaugh about he was, I think words to
 15 effect, you killed my girlfriend or words to
 16 that effect?
 17 A I don't know if I listened to that
 18 exact tape. I did watch some and listen to
 19 some, but I don't remember if I heard that one
 20 or not. It's very possible, but I don't...
 21 Q Give me just a second. Okay. All
 22 right. As part of the investigative team on
 23 this, did you ever see another statement given
 24 by Keith Anthony Cook?
 25 MR. TINSLEY: Object to the form.

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1 or I don't remember.
 2 Q All right. And I ask you because when
 3 I look at your timeline, I never see any
 4 indication that you actually interviewed Keith
 5 Anthony Cook. And that goes back, again, to the
 6 time. You keep this timeline so you know what
 7 you're doing, right?
 8 A As close as I can.
 9 Q Okay. Keith Anthony Cook -- at least
 10 interviewing one of occupants of the boat is
 11 pretty big deal; isn't it?
 12 A I would think so.
 13 Q And that would be something you would
 14 put down there other than spoke to L20, wouldn't
 15 it?
 16 A I would agree with that.
 17 Q All right. And can you just take a
 18 minute and look through it and tell me where it
 19 is so I'll know.
 20 A I don't see it on here.
 21 Q So we've got the fact that you
 22 indicated it was recorded, but yet it was
 23 handwritten by you and it's nowhere on your
 24 timeline that this was even done?
 25 A That's correct.

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1 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.
 2 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 3 Q All right. Do you know if Damian
 4 Yongue ever spoke to Mr. Cook, that being
 5 Anthony Cook?
 6 A I remember Investigator Yongue had
 7 reached out to Anthony several times, but I
 8 don't know when he finally spoke with him again.
 9 Q Okay. Do you know if he spoke with him
 10 in the presence of Matthew Hammond?
 11 A I don't remember that, but I don't
 12 doubt that it happened.
 13 Q Okay. Have you ever heard anybody
 14 mention anything about Timmy?
 15 A Timmy?
 16 Q Timmy. Timmy comes out when Paul
 17 drinks too much?
 18 A Oh, yes, sir.
 19 Q Do you know what Timmy relates to?
 20 A I guess that's just the nickname they
 21 have, maybe. I remember hearing about it, but I
 22 don't know they were...
 23 Q Where did you hear about it?
 24 A Maybe -- I don't know if it was during
 25 discussion with other investigators or officers

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1 Q And you realize when they call you in,
 2 it's a big case, right?
 3 A Yes, sir.
 4 Q And you realize it is very important
 5 any time you take a statement of the occupants
 6 of the boat, correct?
 7 A Yes, sir.
 8 Q And that doesn't even show up in your
 9 timeline?
 10 A No, sir.
 11 Q All right. Did you ever talk with
 12 Miley Altman?
 13 A I don't -- I don't remember talking to
 14 her.
 15 Q Okay.
 16 A He may have -- I don't.
 17 Q She gave a recorded statement at SC
 18 Port Royal. She gave it to DNR officers. Not
 19 -- because I've not met you before, there was an
 20 officer that I didn't recognize in there, and
 21 now watching it, I know it's not you.
 22 A Right.
 23 Q I know Yongue was one of the officers.
 24 Do you know who the other one was?
 25 A I don't. I don't remember who it would



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1 have been. It could have been a local officer
 2 or another investigator. I don't remember.
 3 **Q All right. Did you tell -- seems like**
 4 **I saw a note somewhere you tell CO Pritcher that**
 5 **he needed to find out where the occupants of the**
 6 **boat were located. Would that have been**
 7 **something you would have told him as directing**
 8 **the investigation on the 24th of February 2019?**
 9 A Yes, that sounds like something I would
 10 ask him to do.
 11 **Q Okay. And do you know if he was able**
 12 **to do that?**
 13 A Locate where they were sitting in the
 14 boat at the time?
 15 **Q Sure.**
 16 A At the time.
 17 **Q Don't you want to know where the people**
 18 **were in the boat at the time of the impact?**
 19 A I don't know if -- I don't know if he
 20 did this or if was it Henderson.
 21 **Q Right. That one basically says Keith,**
 22 **so we don't know if he or Henderson did it?**
 23 A Right.
 24 **Q Did you see other diagrams of the boat**
 25 **where people were located?**

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1 **Q Can you ask two people for field**
 2 **sobriety tests if only one was driving?**
 3 MR. TINSLEY: Object to the form.
 4 THE WITNESS: You could.
 5 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 6 **Q Procedurally it's not improper?**
 7 A No, sir.
 8 **Q So you asked the two of them to take**
 9 **field sobriety tests, correct?**
 10 A I don't remember if I -- if I told him
 11 or if he done it on his own.
 12 **Q Okay. Did Pritcher ever tell you that**
 13 **in his brief conversation with Paul Murdaugh**
 14 **that Paul Murdaugh was definitely not driving?**
 15 A I believe so.
 16 **Q Do you know what gave reasonable**
 17 **suspicion to think Paul was driving then?**
 18 A He was -- he and Connor were the two
 19 behind the console.
 20 **Q You made a comment -- I hate to be**
 21 **jumping around on you, but you -- in your**
 22 **report, you made a comment that Paul was trying**
 23 **to make everything okay. Did Keith Anthony Cook**
 24 **tell you that?**
 25 A Yes, sir.

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1 A I'm sure I have.
 2 **Q Okay. And do you know would that be**
 3 **something you would have told Pritcher to go do**
 4 **since you were on the way over early in the**
 5 **morning?**
 6 A Either I would have or Sergeant
 7 Henderson would have.
 8 **Q Okay. Would you have told Pritcher to**
 9 **take field sobriety tests on anyone?**
 10 A Yes, I would have asked him to do that.
 11 **Q Do you know if he attempted to do that?**
 12 A I believe he asked and it was -- he was
 13 given a no, is my understanding.
 14 **Q Do you have to have any type of cause**
 15 **to request a field sobriety test?**
 16 A Yes, sir.
 17 **Q What kind of cause do you have to have?**
 18 **You have to have probable cause or just**
 19 **reasonable suspicion?**
 20 A Reasonable suspicion as to who was
 21 operating.
 22 **Q All right. Can there be reasonable**
 23 **suspicion as to two people were operating --**
 24 **there can only be one operator, right?**
 25 A That's it.

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1 **Q And that doesn't show up in the**
 2 **statement, but you actually remember that?**
 3 A Yes, sir.
 4 **Q What was he trying to do making**
 5 **everything okay?**
 6 A Just telling everybody to calm down and
 7 obviously -- just I believe, Anthony -- he was
 8 trying to tell everybody that everything was
 9 going to be okay and then that's when Anthony
 10 got upset and started -- they started arguing
 11 and Connor made the call to 9-1-1.
 12 **Q All right. Anthony flipped out and he**
 13 **was yelling at Paul?**
 14 A And Connor.
 15 **Q It says Paul and Connor called 9-1-1?**
 16 A It should read he was yelling at Paul
 17 and then Connor called 9-1-1.
 18 **Q All right. I want to make sure I**
 19 **understand your interpretation because you wrote**
 20 **it because I could read it either way.**
 21 A Right.
 22 **Q Were you present when the boat was**
 23 **moved?**
 24 A I was there.
 25 **Q All right. Were you in charge of the**



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1 investigation at this time still?
 2 A Yes, sir. I believe Captain Pritcher
 3 -- I don't know if he had arrived yet. I
 4 believe, Lieutenant Thomas, I believe, was there
 5 as well.
 6 Q Who is that now?
 7 A He's the region lieutenant over this
 8 area.
 9 Q That would put him below Pritcher --
 10 Captain Pritcher or is it vice versa?
 11 A It's separate. It's -- so the region
 12 would be -- Sergeant Henderson would be the
 13 local supervisor for the local region. Captain
 14 Pritcher is the supervisor for investigations,
 15 and Lieutenant Thomas is one of the supervisors
 16 for the field. So they are separate. But yes,
 17 by rank, he would be under Captain Pritcher.
 18 Q Well, if it's investigations and your
 19 supervisor is captain -- I mean he's actually --
 20 A Captain Pritcher.
 21 Q -- is your direct supervisor or is
 22 there somebody in between them?
 23 A Lieutenant Camlin.
 24 Q And then from Camlin to Captain
 25 Pritcher?

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1 trying to figure out why he would show up on the
 2 routine --
 3 A It's in his area.
 4 Q Okay. So the boat comes out according
 5 to your supplemental report sometime around
 6 12:45 or so. Did I see that?
 7 A Yes, sir. Approximately 12:40 p.m.
 8 Q And is that noted on your -- it appears
 9 to be noted there?
 10 A Yes, sir.
 11 Q And did you have a search warrant at
 12 this time?
 13 A I met judge McIntyre at 4:31 p.m.
 14 Q So that's 1631 on your report. I had
 15 to add four.
 16 A Yes, sir.
 17 Q So that's when you got the search
 18 warrant around 1631?
 19 A That's correct.
 20 Q Or 4:31. Then after that you would
 21 have inventoried the boat, correct?
 22 A Yes, sir.
 23 Q And then when we get on Exhibit 4,
 24 which is your photographs, that would be the
 25 proper time you got one more page of the

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1 A Yes, sir.
 2 Q Why does Lieutenant Thomas even show
 3 up? This is an investigation, isn't it?
 4 A It is in his area of responsibility.
 5 Q Well, I thought investigations were
 6 controlled by Captain Pritcher?
 7 A They are.
 8 Q Does Captain Pritcher direct Lieutenant
 9 Thomas on what to do?
 10 A He can ask him or tell him, but I don't
 11 know if he did or not. But he's a ranking
 12 officer.
 13 Q Well, I mean once you get to the
 14 captain, lieutenant, they all got rank, but I'm
 15 trying to figure out why Thomas comes into this
 16 when you got the chain of command from the
 17 investigative division all the way up to the
 18 captain involved?
 19 A It is not unusual for the lieutenant or
 20 the captain or another supervisor to come in and
 21 because his people are there as well, Sergeant
 22 Henderson, CO Pritcher, so he's there for those
 23 people as well, but I don't know if he was asked
 24 by Captain Pritcher to come. I don't know that.
 25 Q You don't know what they did? I'm

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1 inventory. Is that where the -- the boat is
 2 over at Parris Island Boat Landing?
 3 A We began processing and photographing
 4 the boat at 5:05. I don't know exactly what
 5 time the boat would have made it over.
 6 Q Okay. But do you recall if you had to
 7 go to the magistrate's office to get Judge
 8 McIntyre to sign it or his personal office?
 9 A He had meet him at the Wal-Mart parking
 10 lot on Lady's Island.
 11 Q Gotcha. You know Judge McIntyre?
 12 A That was the first time.
 13 Q First time. So after you get the
 14 affidavit, you start making the inventory and if
 15 we look at the flip side of Exhibit 4 -- sorry
 16 -- the last page, this is the inventory for the
 17 boat, correct?
 18 A Yes, sir.
 19 Q And you said you or Hammond did that,
 20 correct?
 21 A If I remember correct, I was in the
 22 boat and I would tell him what was.
 23 Q Call it out and he write it down?
 24 A I remember that's how we did it.
 25 Q And apparently after that and somebody



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1 has to type it up somewhere, right?
 2 A Correct.
 3 Q In that inventory -- I asked you this
 4 already -- was there anywhere -- some pictures
 5 I've seen at least that were taken show Paul
 6 Murdaugh looks like showing up in the hospital
 7 looks like in boxer shorts. Did anybody ever
 8 tell you how he got into boxer shorts?
 9 A I know he took them off sometime after
 10 they got out of the water, but --
 11 Q His pants?
 12 A I believe so yes, sir.
 13 Q Was there ever an inventory of the
 14 scene, and we call it a "crime scene." Somebody
 15 died there, right?
 16 A Yes, sir.
 17 Q Were those pants ever picked up and put
 18 into evidence?
 19 A I never -- I never saw any pants that I
 20 can recall.
 21 Q So what makes you say they were found
 22 at the scene or he took his pants off after the
 23 water?
 24 A I don't know if he took them off or
 25 not. I don't know when he took them off.

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1 supplemental report, correct?
 2 A Yes, sir.
 3 Q All right. When would this report been
 4 prepared?
 5 A March 4th.
 6 Q Okay. And when I look at your
 7 timeline, you started -- you went back on the
 8 25th, the day after, which I guess would have
 9 been Monday, and you were involved with at least
 10 part of the investigation; is that correct?
 11 A Yes, sir.
 12 Q And down at 2101, the very last entry
 13 on the 25th and spoke to L21. That's Camlin?
 14 A That's Hammond.
 15 Q Regarding boat inventory. Do you
 16 remember what you and Hammond would have been
 17 discussing about the boat inventory?
 18 A I don't know if that had to do with
 19 making the list or taking what we found. I
 20 don't know what specifically that implies or
 21 means. I don't remember.
 22 Q Well, right above that at 1913, which
 23 if my math serves correct, that's about
 24 7:13 p.m.?
 25 A Yes, sir.

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1 Q So you're guessing of when he came out
 2 of his pants?
 3 A I don't know how he ended up in his
 4 boxers. We never saw any pants or I didn't see
 5 any pants.
 6 Q Do you know anybody from the DNR file
 7 that saw any pants that Mr. Murdaugh was wearing
 8 or just a pair of pants?
 9 A Not that I recall.
 10 Q And I asked you this already, but a
 11 wallet with an ID in it that would have shown
 12 what ID was used?
 13 A No, sir.
 14 Q Did DNR make any attempt to find a
 15 wallet?
 16 A We just looked through the boat. I
 17 don't know if anybody at the hospital did. I
 18 don't know that.
 19 Q All right. Now, after you inventory
 20 the boat that day, did you do anything else?
 21 Looks like maybe the boat was then taken to Fort
 22 Johnson. Isn't that where your office is in up
 23 in Charleston?
 24 A Yes, sir.
 25 Q All right. And that's the end of your

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1 Q Nonmilitary time. You talked to L23.
 2 Who is that?
 3 A I believe that was -- that may be
 4 Damian -- Damian Yongue's number.
 5 Q That might be just a number you don't
 6 hear a lot?
 7 A No. Because right around that time we
 8 had people leave and coming in, and I think he
 9 may have been given that number by then.
 10 Q Okay. What conversation do you recall
 11 having with him about the witness statements?
 12 A I don't know if that was -- I don't
 13 know if it would have been gathering more
 14 witness statements or I had some to give to him
 15 since he was going to be taking over. I don't
 16 know the exact.
 17 Q Well, about this time you only had
 18 statement, right?
 19 A I believe so.
 20 Q Okay. The only one I saw was Anthony
 21 Cook, right?
 22 A Yes, sir.
 23 Q And if Yongue is in, do you think maybe
 24 you gave him the tape or could you have sent him
 25 the digitized tape in some fashion?



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1 A I'm sure we would have downloaded, but
 2 I don't remember -- I don't remember recording
 3 it.
 4 Q Okay. And again, this is just trying
 5 to figure out where it might be.
 6 A I understand.
 7 Q If it exists, I'm trying to figure out
 8 where it might be.
 9 A Yes, sir.
 10 Q And then you don't indicate until March
 11 3 that you're back on scene, but you told me you
 12 went out of town for some seminar or training
 13 and the next entry I see is 2/28.
 14 A Yes, sir.
 15 Q All right. Do you recall if there was
 16 anything in between the 25th like the 26th or
 17 27th that may you have stayed or something? I
 18 don't know. I'm just...
 19 A No. I was in Washington.
 20 Q Okay. But then when you get back
 21 you're back into the investigation, correct?
 22 A I'm assisting, yes, sir.
 23 Q By this time you're assisting Yongue
 24 and then you go and talk to the Beaufort County
 25 EMS?

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1 Q Why was the file over there?
 2 A That is where we have the computer and
 3 desk and printer.
 4 Q You don't have one right down here in
 5 Battery Creek? That is OCRM.
 6 A In Port Royal?
 7 Q Yeah.
 8 A We gave that up years ago and I think
 9 the marine rescue squad is in there now.
 10 Q Gotcha. Okay. And then looks like on
 11 the 3rd, recovery of the body?
 12 A Yes, sir.
 13 Q All right. And that's when you put
 14 that in your supplemental report, correct?
 15 A Yes, sir.
 16 Q Was there a reason that you didn't put
 17 in your supplemental report that you went and
 18 talked to all of the hospital personnel?
 19 A No, sir. That was just noted in their
 20 statements.
 21 Q And let me just say, I went through and
 22 again just using this by way of an example, Lupe
 23 Moreno gave a statement, correct?
 24 A Mm-hmm.
 25 Q And it has and I'm looking at DNR file

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1 A I did.
 2 Q And did you take statements from them?
 3 A Yes, sir.
 4 Q All right. And says around March 1st,
 5 you met with the EMS and got their statements
 6 and went by Parker's to check on video?
 7 A Yes, sir.
 8 Q Now, this is not a trick question, but
 9 now you've not -- you're not putting times in
 10 there anymore now that you gotten back from
 11 Washington or doesn't appear. I just want to
 12 make sure. This is yours, isn't it?
 13 A Yes, sir.
 14 Q Because again, it seemed one sheet was
 15 out of order and I'm not trying to throw
 16 something at you that is not yours?
 17 MR. TINSLEY: And for the record,
 18 you're talking about the timeline.
 19 MR. GRIFFITH: Yes. I'm sorry.
 20 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 21 Q And then you went to the Parker's to
 22 check on the video and then on March 2nd,
 23 organized the file at Waddell Center. Is that
 24 over in Bluffton?
 25 A Yes, sir.

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1 Bates stamp number 459, so he gives a statement
 2 and I will represent to you there is a written
 3 statement somewhere. I didn't print it, but for
 4 purposes of this, you actually did a summary of
 5 it and you-all call it a record of interview,
 6 and I've seen that with every statement taken in
 7 this file with the exception of Keith Anthony
 8 Cook's. Did you do a record of interview with
 9 Keith Anthony Cook?
 10 A I did not.
 11 Q And then my question why did you not
 12 follow that protocol at that time?
 13 A That was just an initial gather and
 14 initial statement at the scene. These were
 15 interviews that we actually sat down like this
 16 and spoke to people.
 17 Q Well, you're not telling me that you
 18 handwrite --
 19 A I'm talking we were still at the scene
 20 with that, so I did not do one with that. But I
 21 did do that with the interviews with the medical
 22 personnel at the hospital staff.
 23 Q Okay. Mr. Brock, we've been going a
 24 little over an hour. I'm going to take a break.
 25 (Whereupon, a break was taken)



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1 at 4:01 p.m.)
 2 (Back on the record at 4:09 p.m.)
 3 BY MR. GRIFFITH:
 4 Q Mr. Brock, just one or two more things.
 5 When you did these interviews I think at the
 6 hospital like Mr. Lupe Moreno, all the
 7 information contained in here, these were things
 8 you overheard him say and what your memory of it
 9 was; is that correct?
 10 A Yes, sir.
 11 Q Okay. By you actually have a statement
 12 of it also; it was written by him?
 13 A Probably. I would assume so, yeah.
 14 Q All right. And I asked you that
 15 there's also one Bates-stamped 573 for Ronald
 16 Klopp who also worked with the hospital and you
 17 did a recorded -- or a record of interview view
 18 with him; is that correct?
 19 A Yes, sir.
 20 Q All right. And you would have taken a
 21 written statement from him too; is that correct?
 22 A I would assume so, yes.
 23 Q And this is information that you
 24 actually heard so if you're ever to be in court
 25 I heard this or this person comes to testify he

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1 is now in charge?
 2 A No, sir. My supervisor recommended.
 3 Q That would have be Lieutenant Camlin?
 4 A Yes, sir.
 5 Q All right. She recommended that you go
 6 and get these statements?
 7 A That we will do a -- what they call a
 8 "record of interview."
 9 Q Okay. When you get the statement, then
 10 she said always do a record of interview,
 11 correct?
 12 A Yes, sir.
 13 Q And the ones that I pulled out for you,
 14 it looks like you also did Erin Taylor was maybe
 15 a PA or a nurse for Mr. Murdaugh and those were
 16 your impressions of the statement that you took
 17 from Ms. Taylor, you had a conversation with her
 18 and then you asked her to write a statement,
 19 correct?
 20 A Yes, sir.
 21 Q And in the conversation, this is your
 22 summary of the conversation, correct?
 23 A Yes.
 24 Q So it's little bit different from the
 25 written statement she gave, correct?

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1 told me, I heard this, correct?
 2 A Correct.
 3 Q It indicates that you were with Agent
 4 Chandler Horney. Was she also making statements
 5 or were giving the statements or who was in
 6 charge of that?
 7 A I believe she had asked questions as
 8 well.
 9 Q Do you remember that?
 10 A I don't remember what questions.
 11 Q Yeah.
 12 A I don't remember what questions that
 13 she would ask.
 14 Q For all these and I can pull them up if
 15 you want me to, for all these people, there was
 16 a law enforcement statement form that most
 17 filled out and signed and I would just say I
 18 know that Tamara Duran was one because you
 19 witnessed her statement; is that right?
 20 A Yes, sir.
 21 Q And you had them each of them fill out
 22 a law enforcement statement, correct?
 23 A Yes, sir.
 24 Q All right. And was that done at the
 25 direction of the -- Investigator Yongue since he

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1 A Yes. These are things she heard and I
 2 wrote them out.
 3 Q You talked to her and she told you
 4 this, so you made a record of your interview,
 5 correct?
 6 A Mm-hmm.
 7 Q You also gave her a statement form and
 8 said fill it out please, correct?
 9 A Yes, sir.
 10 Q Which she did?
 11 A Mm-hmm.
 12 Q Okay. And you also -- there was one
 13 specifically Ms. Elizabeth McAlhaney. It was a
 14 rather lengthy statement and your record of that
 15 interview is about a page long, which is a
 16 little bit more than the others; is that
 17 correct?
 18 A Yes, sir.
 19 Q All right. And in that, Ms. McAlhaney,
 20 did she tell you that she noticed Alex Murdaugh,
 21 Paragraph 2, attempting to go to other patient's
 22 rooms?
 23 A Yes, sir.
 24 Q And Ms. McAlhaney overheard Mr.
 25 Murdaugh tell Connor they were going to figure



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1 everything out?
 2 A Yes, sir.
 3 Q And she told you that?
 4 A Yes, sir. That's what she said.
 5 Q Okay. And she also saw Mr. Murdaugh
 6 stop by Connor's, that being Connor Cook, on the
 7 way to the CAT scan. They spoke but she didn't
 8 overhear that conversation?
 9 A Correct.
 10 Q And she overheard Mr. Murdaugh tell
 11 SCDNR officer that Paul would not be making any
 12 statement because he was intoxicated and didn't
 13 want Paul making a drunken statement, right?
 14 A Yes, sir.
 15 Q And Ms. McAlhanev told you she saw Mr.
 16 Murdaugh talking to Miley Altman's family?
 17 A Correct.
 18 Q Did she tell you she overheard
 19 anything?
 20 A No, sir.
 21 Q And I want make sure on this last
 22 paragraph down here, Ms. McAlhanev said she saw
 23 Paul left and returned to try and to talk
 24 Morgan?
 25 A Yes. She stated that he left his room

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1 Campbell, and maybe his brother. I don't know
 2 the brother's name, but I do know Mr. Campbell?
 3 A Yes.
 4 Q Does that sound familiar?
 5 A Yes, sir. That sounds right.
 6 Q And it says it was in a creak near the
 7 landing. I guess I want to make sure which
 8 landing. Is this the Broad River landing?
 9 A It was one of the feeder creeks both
 10 back towards Laurel Bay, in that direction.
 11 Q Okay. So if I'm leaving here going to
 12 Hilton Head, I cross the Broad River and it's on
 13 the right?
 14 A Right.
 15 Q You go to landing and take off headed
 16 right?
 17 A Correct.
 18 Q And that was -- they were in one of the
 19 creeks up in there?
 20 A Yes, sir.
 21 Q And it says it looks like DNR, Beaufort
 22 County Sheriff's and deputies responded. Did
 23 they all have boats or were they waiting at the
 24 landing for something?
 25 A I believe the coroner was notified, if

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1 and kept trying to find and go talk to Morgan.
 2 Q Was this Paul?
 3 A Yes, sir.
 4 Q Paul or Mr. Alex Murdaugh?
 5 A She said Paul.
 6 Q Okay.
 7 A And this may have been when he was
 8 being discharged if I remember correctly not
 9 while he was --
 10 Q Hooked up?
 11 A Yes, sir.
 12 Q Okay. In your report here, were you
 13 responded to the Broad River when they located
 14 the body of --
 15 A Yes, sir.
 16 Q -- of Ms. Beach?
 17 A Yes, sir.
 18 Q All right. And do you remember who the
 19 two volunteers were that located the body?
 20 A I'm sure their names are in the file,
 21 but I don't know if they were -- if their main
 22 goal was to go out and search or if they were
 23 out fishing and found her. But it was two
 24 private citizens.
 25 Q If I recall, one of them was Keenan

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1 I remember right. I'm sure they called 9-1-1
 2 and that caused everybody to go.
 3 Q Okay.
 4 A And Beaufort County and the coroner got
 5 into our boats, if I remember right.
 6 Q Okay. Because I saw photographs of
 7 locating the body, and it appears there was some
 8 DNR boats?
 9 A Yes, sir.
 10 Q Were you in one of those boats?
 11 A I was.
 12 Q Do you remember who was with you?
 13 A I believe it was Carter Duprey.
 14 Q Who is -- is he with DNR?
 15 A Yes, sir.
 16 Q That's a name I haven't seen or don't
 17 remember seeing.
 18 A Whenever there is an incident like this
 19 and we're looking, the local guys will spend
 20 pretty much all day searching, so -- and they'll
 21 come from different areas mostly close by, so he
 22 was out that day working so I got in the boat
 23 with him, and I believe we had another deputy
 24 with us and there was one or two other boats.
 25 Q Okay. I think that's all I have right



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1 now, Mr. Brock. Thank you.
 2 MS. DEAN: Are you marking those?
 3 MR. GRIFFITH: Yes.
 4 MADAM COURT REPORTER: As one
 5 exhibit or three separate?
 6 MR. GRIFFITH: One is fine.
 7 (Whereupon, Defendant's Exhibit
 8 Number 5 was marked for
 9 identification.)
 10 CROSS-EXAMINATION
 11 BY MR. TINSLEY:
 12 Q Mr. Brock, you testified that you were
 13 familiar with the family, but your weren't
 14 friends and did not go out to dinner with them.
 15 You have been to Danny Henderson's farm before
 16 this night, had you not?
 17 A Yes, sir.
 18 Q And Mr. Murdaugh had been there, had he
 19 not, before this night?
 20 A It's possible. Yes, sir.
 21 Q You also been to the Murdaugh river
 22 house before this night, did you not?
 23 A Yes, sir.
 24 Q Okay. About how many times had you
 25 been there?

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1 same area, but I don't -- I mean, you just have
 2 to ask him.
 3 Q Sure.
 4 A But yes, they know each other.
 5 Q Michael Paul Thomas have any anything
 6 to do with the criminal investigation?
 7 A He assisted and I believe he got -- I
 8 don't know who got in touch with John Marvin to
 9 bring the trailer for the boat. But John Marvin
 10 brought the trailer for the boat so we could get
 11 it out of the water.
 12 Q John Marvin had your cell phone, did he
 13 not?
 14 A He probably did.
 15 Q Did you also have his?
 16 A Probably. I don't remember, but if I
 17 did, I wouldn't be surprised.
 18 Q Was that a state-issued or DNR-issued
 19 cell phone?
 20 A Yes, sir.
 21 Q Did you also have your own personal
 22 phone?
 23 A Yes, sir.
 24 Q What was the number for that and
 25 service provider, please, sir?

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1 A Once or twice, three times.
 2 Q For parties?
 3 A We used to keep -- well, I think I went
 4 there one time in high school or college,
 5 sometime back in those days. But I don't
 6 remember who was there.
 7 Q Okay. When you went to Mr. Henderson's
 8 farm, Michael Paul Thomas was there, right?
 9 A I don't -- I don't know when this -- I
 10 mean, we've gone there like for birthday
 11 parties.
 12 Q A number of times?
 13 A To Mr. Henderson's?
 14 Q Yes, sir.
 15 A Yes, sir.
 16 Q Have you had occasion to be with
 17 Michael Paul Thomas at some function where the
 18 Murdaughs were present?
 19 A I'm sure probably through the years.
 20 Q Michael Paul Thomas is a very good
 21 friend with John Marvin Murdaugh?
 22 A Probably. I have to ask how good of
 23 friends. I would imagine so.
 24 Q You knew that?
 25 A I mean they grew up -- we all from the

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1 A My personal?
 2 Q Yes, sir?
 3 A [REDACTED]
 4 MR. WHITSETT: Can we strike that
 5 from the public record?
 6 MR. TINSLEY: That's fine.
 7 BY MR. TINSLEY:
 8 Q Who is the provider?
 9 A Sprint.
 10 Q Your supplemental report and you're
 11 welcome to it, indicates that one of the first
 12 things you did was you contacted Beaufort County
 13 dispatch and got information about what
 14 magistrates were on duty to get warrants. Do
 15 you recall that?
 16 A Yes, sir.
 17 Q And you also talked according to your
 18 timeline at 6:50 a.m., you talked to Craig Jones
 19 for DNR about the need to obtain search warrants
 20 and that's because the Murdaughs indicated that
 21 search warrants were going to be required to
 22 search the boat, correct?
 23 A I think the initial was possible blood
 24 draws, you know, if we were able to get that.
 25 Q But at some point they indicated they



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1 were going to require search warrants for the
 2 search of the boat?
 3 A Correct. I think that was later in the
 4 day.
 5 Q And you also had Austin Pritcher take
 6 photographs of the wound to Connor Cook's face?
 7 A Yes, sir.
 8 Q And you knew he had a wound?
 9 A Yes, sir.
 10 Q And you -- although you didn't talk
 11 about it, we've talked about generally the fact
 12 you saw blood on the boat. There was blood and
 13 there was possible evidence related to Connor
 14 Cook's wound in the boat?
 15 A Yes, sir.
 16 Q And for that reason you ultimately
 17 asked the sheriff's office to process the boat
 18 for DNA evidence?
 19 A And I believe there was another injury
 20 where there was a lot of blood. Ms. Doughty if
 21 I remember right, her finger.
 22 Q But you were looking for evidence?
 23 A Yes, sir.
 24 Q And both evidence can suggest who was
 25 driving and if there's exculpatory evidence and

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1 you were looking for that?
 2 A Yes, sir.
 3 Q That's your job, right?
 4 A Yes, sir.
 5 Q And you knew when you first saw the
 6 boat and the fact that Connor Cook had a wound
 7 to his face, there could be blood evidence that
 8 would indicate where that wound occurred?
 9 A Yes, sir.
 10 Q And that is what you were trying to
 11 figure out when the sheriff's department
 12 processed for DNA evidence?
 13 A Yes, sir.
 14 Q And who did that -- who actually took
 15 the swabs?
 16 A I believe.
 17 Q Michael Purdy?
 18 A Sergeant Disperil(ph).
 19 Q What was Purdy's involvement?
 20 A He is the supervisor over that section
 21 for the sheriff's office.
 22 Q Okay.
 23 A So I believe we contacted him to ask
 24 for the assistance in doing that.
 25 Q You contacted him?

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1 A I don't know if it was me directly. I
 2 don't remember who it was, but we did call him
 3 to see about having somebody from there.
 4 Q Did he indicate to you when you talked
 5 to him whatever point in time that he was
 6 currently represented by Alex Murdaugh?
 7 A No, sir.
 8 Q Do you believe that would be a conflict
 9 of interest? I'm asking what you believe.
 10 A I could see where it could be perceived
 11 that way, yeah. Yeah.
 12 Q Sure. You can see why people would say
 13 that if you circled the box that the recording
 14 of Anthony Cook was done and then not done and
 15 you initialed a number of the places the
 16 questions Mr. Murdaugh -- sorry, Mitch -- Mr.
 17 Griffith was asking you, you can see how people
 18 given the fact that you were removed from the
 19 case do see the conflict, how that doesn't look
 20 good?
 21 A Sure.
 22 Q What do you say to those people?
 23 A An error.
 24 Q Okay.
 25 A I don't remember recording the

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1 conversation.
 2 Q You do -- and you testified today that
 3 you do know that the military police were
 4 present when you interviewed Anthony Cook after
 5 you went to the hospital?
 6 A Yeah. There were people there.
 7 Q Right, including military police?
 8 A Yes, sir.
 9 Q And the last line of that paragraph on
 10 your supplemental report that you wrote, Anthony
 11 said he flipped out and was yelling at Paul.
 12 And Mr. Griffith asked you -- goes -- runs on --
 13 I like to use run-ons a lot in my sentences too
 14 -- and Connor called 9-1-1. And Connor called
 15 9-1-1 has nothing to do with the first part?
 16 A Anthony was yelling at Paul and then
 17 Connor called 9-1-1.
 18 Q Yeah. And what he actually told you
 19 was is that Paul Murdaugh killed my girlfriend
 20 and that Murdaugh was driving at the time of the
 21 crash, right, that's what he told you?
 22 A He could have. I don't --
 23 Q Okay. He also told you just prior to
 24 the crash, he and Murdaugh got in an argument
 25 about his, Murdaugh's, ability to drive due to



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1 his being drunk. He told you that too, right?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q And full throttle near the Sands Beach

4 and the boat remained at full throttle to the

5 impact and that's when Cook was thrown from the

6 boat and he woke up in the water on the other

7 side of the bridge. That's what he told you,

8 right?

9 A He said that he and Mallory were in the

10 back and the throttle was pushed down and they

11 fell down and they laid back there until the

12 impact.

13 Q Do you know why Officer Christopher

14 Williams, who is military police, would give --

15 and in the Parris Island materials signed an

16 affidavit indicating that what I just read to

17 you is what you Cook told you after you returned

18 from the hospital after talking to the other

19 occupants?

20 A I don't disagree with that.

21 Q You don't disagree with Cook saying

22 those things?

23 A He could have. I don't remember that.

24 Q You're not able to say that what

25 Christopher Williams swears to under oath in his

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1 correct?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q At 1636 you updated Michael Paul Thomas

4 that Judge McIntyre signed the warrant for the

5 boat, why did you update him then?

6 MR. WHITSETT: What page is that?

7 He's trying to find it?

8 MR. TINSLEY: On my copy it's 141.

9 I don't know if -- Mitch does these

10 things. He gives everybody different

11 copies. It's the one that starts with

12 7:00 a.m. It's the second page on

13 mine.

14 MR. WHITSETT: Go back then.

15 MR. GRIFFITH: What time?

16 THE WITNESS: 1636.

17 MR. TINSLEY: Yeah. I'm sorry.

18 THE WITNESS: I was -- that was

19 probably letting him know I was heading

20 back with the warrant.

21 BY MR. TINSLEY:

22 Q Okay. Why did he need to know that?

23 A Because I think he was -- he was there

24 at the scene, and I'm assuming he was getting

25 the boat over to the landing.

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1 affidavit that was produced by the Department of

2 Defense was incorrect?

3 A I don't know if he said that he heard

4 that was said to me or if he heard that at the

5 scene.

6 Q Okay. Who is in charge of making sure

7 that items were not -- items of evidence were

8 not removed from the boat or the scene between

9 the time that you-all, Department of Natural

10 Resources, took control over the investigation

11 until your inventory was completed that Mr.

12 Griffith asked you about earlier?

13 A DNR.

14 Q Do you know why it was that Michael

15 Paul Thomas was frequent or very constant

16 communication with John Marvin Murdaugh on

17 February 24th, 2019?

18 A The only reason I would know that he

19 would be in contact was for the boat trailer. I

20 don't know. That's the only thing I can think

21 of. I don't know why else or what they talked

22 about, but I know that he brought the boat

23 trailer.

24 Q Okay. And when you updated 41 in your

25 timeline, and 41 was Michael Paul Thomas,

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1 Q When the sheriff's department processed

2 the boat for DNA evidence or -- did they also

3 process it for fingerprints?

4 A I believe so, yes, sir.

5 Q Did you see the swabs that were

6 collected by the sheriff's department for the

7 DNA evidence?

8 A I did.

9 Q What happened to those?

10 A They should be in our evidence.

11 Q Should be?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q Who would have been responsible for

14 entering those into evidence?

15 A Either myself or Investigator Yongue or

16 one of the other investigators.

17 Q And do you know if that was done?

18 A I believe they were in our evidence

19 locker. Yes, sir.

20 Q When you were -- what would that have

21 consisted of, the actual swabs and test results,

22 what is it that you recall, if anything, I don't

23 want you to guess. I'm asking you specifically

24 what you recall, if anything, that relates to

25 the swabs or result of the DNA evidence?



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1 A I remember swabs being done, but after
2 that...

3 Q Okay. And those were done by the
4 sheriff's department?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q And did Mr. Purdy have possession of
7 those the last time you saw them or who had
8 them, to your knowledge?

9 A I believe they were bagged and taped at
10 the sheriff's investigator's office.

11 Q Did somebody take photographs of the
12 actual processing of the boat to show where the
13 individual swabs were taken from?

14 A All I took was photographs of the
15 inside of the boat and the outside of the boat.
16 I don't believe there were photos taken while
17 the swabs were being done.

18 Q But you were there when it was
19 processed, correct?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q Okay.

22 A Myself and Investigator Hammond and
23 Captain Pritcher and maybe somebody else.

24 Q So let me just kind of close the loop
25 on that. You didn't take any photographs?

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1 Q Okay. I mean, is it fair to conclude
2 that the moment that there was a question about
3 who the driver was and you knew there was blood
4 evidence and a wound from one of the suspects,
5 that you needed to -- that you knew you needed
6 to collect that evidence?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q Okay. So that would have been early in
9 the morning when you knew that?

10 A Sometime during that day. Yes, sir.

11 Q Well, you first go to the scene and see
12 the blood, right?

13 A Right.

14 Q And shortly thereafter you learned that
15 Connor Cook not only has a wound, but he is
16 going to be taken to -- to Charleston to have
17 that wound treated?

18 A Correct.

19 Q And you asked that Pritcher take
20 photographs of him?

21 A Correct.

22 Q And he did that?

23 A Mm-hmm.

24 Q You did that to document he had a
25 wound?

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1 A I didn't take any photographs.

2 Q As we sit here today, you don't recall
3 seeing photographs of anyone taking photographs
4 of the swabs?

5 A Not while they were being swabbed.

6 Q Sure.

7 A But not while they were actively
8 swabbed.

9 Q Those were the photos that Mr. Griffith
10 went over you, right, those were photos 38 or
11 36, whatever the number was?

12 MR. GRIFFITH: Thirty-nine.

13 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

14 Thirty-nine.

15 BY MR. TINSLEY:

16 Q You don't recall anybody taking
17 photographs of the areas that were swabbed?

18 A No, sir. You mean while they were
19 being swabbed?

20 Q Yes, sir.

21 A No, sir.

22 Q I mean, do you agree whatever you were
23 going to get out of the DNA evidence would be
24 dependent on where it was found?

25 A Yeah, that would.

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1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q So we can establish that the wound
3 occurred and then the blood flowed from the
4 wound and here's where the blood was in the
5 boat?

6 A Correct.

7 Q That's why you did it?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q That's all the questions I have for
10 you.

11 MS. BOWER: I'm good.

12 MR. GRIFFITH: Mr. Brock, thank
13 you for your time.

14 (SIGNATURE RESERVED.)
15 (Whereupon, the deposition of
16 Michael Brock was concluded at
17 approximately 4:35 p.m.)

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4 BEAUFORT COUNTY:
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6 I, Amanda Bowen, Court Reporter and Notary
7 Public in and for the above county and state, do
8 hereby certify that the foregoing testimony was
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17 I further certify that I am not of counsel to
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10 RICHARD ALEXANDER MURDAUGH, JR.
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14 I declare under penalty of perjury
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Timeline

02/24/19:

- 0518- Notified of incident by L20
- 0520- Contacted 480 for more information regarding incident
- 0529- Updated L20
- 0536- Contacted 484 for information on injured, etc.
- 0539- Updated L20
- 0542- Contacted 480 for any updates
- 0544- Notified L21 of the location
- 0546- Updated L20
- 0547- Spoke with 480 regarding scene
- 0558- en route to scene/contacted 484 regarding update on injured/possible operators
- 0603- Spoke with 480 about on call magistrate for possible search warrants
- 0614- Contacted BCSO dispatch and requested on call magistrate information
- 0620- Contacted 484 regarding witness statements
- 0631- Spoke with 480 regarding any updates
- 0634- Updated L20
- 0650- Contacted Craig Jones regarding obtaining search warrants



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0700- Spoke with 484 in reference to status of persons involved at the hospital

0706- Updated L20

0710- Left voicemail with Judge McIntyre

0711- Spoke with 484 for status update

0714- Spoke with Craig Jones regarding search warrants

0721- Spoke with L20 in reference to someone meeting with Connor Cook at MUSC

0832- Contacted 483 regarding photos of impact marks on pilings

0834- Spoke with L21. Advised he was on scene

0837- Spoke with 451 in reference to him meeting with Connor Cook at MUSC

0840- Updated L20

1038- Spoke with L25 regarding dive team

1043- Updated L6

1110- Updated L6

1111- Updated L20

1121- Spoke with L6 regarding air support

1126- Contacted SLED regarding helicopter availability

1129- Updated L20

1137- Spoke with SLED pilot. Was advised weather was preventing helicopter from leaving Columbia.

1153- Spoke with 41

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02/28/19:

Met L23 at scene. Discussed what needed to be done for the day.

Contacted BCSO to set up a time get incident logs, etc.

Met with Beaufort County EMS personnel. Received statements from available personnel that responded to the incident. Set times to meet with remaining personnel on 03/01.

03/01/19:

Met with EMS personnel and obtained statements.

Went by Parker's to check on availability of video.

03/02/19:

Began organizing file with L21 at the Waddell Center

03/03/19:

Responded to Broad River landing for possible recovery of victim.

Went to recovery location with Deputy Coroner Ott, 493, and BCSO personnel.

Met with family at incident location and made notification with Deputy Coroner Ott and 41.

Met with family at Beaufort County Coroner's office and discussed what would take place going forward.

Was present for initial examination of body by Deputy Coroner Ott.

03/04/19:

Met with Major Sullivan, Captain Pritcher, Lieutenant Camlin and Investigator Yongue in Charleston.

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Attended the autopsy of victim at MUSC.

03/05/19:

Went by Parker's and checked on availability of video.

Went to BCSO and picked up pictures of recovery scene.

Contacted by Craig Jones about obtaining victim's Apple watch in Hampton. Made contact with 496 and arranged for him to get watch.

03/06/19:

Met with L23 and SLED Agent Horney at Parris Island.

Contacted Major Tomaszek regarding statements from Parris Island personnel.

Contacted Fire Chief Wieder regarding statements from Parris Island FD personnel.

Interviewed Beaufort Memorial Hospital staff in Beaufort.

03/07/19:

Picked up statements from Parris Island FD personnel.

Interviewed Beaufort Memorial Hospital staff in Beaufort.

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NARRATIVE

On February 24, 2019 at approximately 0518 AM, I received a call from Lt. Camlin of a boating incident in Beaufort County. I was advised to contact SCDNR FSgt. Henderson who was on scene. FSgt. Henderson stated that a boat had struck the bridge at Archer's Creek and a female passenger, Mallory Beach was still missing. The other five occupants sustained various types of injuries and were taken to Beaufort Memorial Hospital. CO Pritcher was at the hospital obtaining statements from the other occupants. I contacted CO Pritcher to get an update and to see if an operator had been identified. CO Pritcher advised that he had spoken with some of the occupants. CO Pritcher advised that there were two possible operators. CO Pritcher had information that Paul Murdaugh or Connor Cook had both operated the boat leading up to the incident. I advised CO Pritcher to offer SFST's to both individuals and get statements. Both subjects refused SFST's and refused to make any further statements. Murdaugh and C. Cook both denied driving the boat at the time of collision. I continued to contact FSgt. Henderson and CO Pritcher while en route to the hospital. I contacted Beaufort County dispatch and got the contact information for the on call magistrate in the event search warrants were needed. I made contact with SCDNR counsel Craig Jones and provided the information that I had up to that point. I was advised that once we were able to identify a the operator that we could apply for a search warrant for a blood draw. I met CO Pritcher at Beaufort Memorial Hospital at approximately 0700 AM. CO Pritcher advised that several of the occupants had already left. As we walked into the hospital one of the occupants, Morgan Doughty, was walking out. I spoke briefly to Morgan and asked her about her statements. She stated that she thought C. Cook may have been operating but she was just assuming. Morgan had sustained an injury to her hand. I advised Morgan that I would be in touch with her later for a follow up interview. CO Pritcher advised that C. Cook was still in the emergency room so we went inside. We were unable to locate C. Cook so we asked a nurse where he was located. The nurse advised us that he had been transported to MUSC for surgery. CO Pritcher and I left the hospital and went to the scene.

Upon arriving at the scene, I went down to the location of the boat under the Berkeley Bridge at Archer's Creek. I noted the damage to the bow and port of the hull. A section of the fiberglass was missing and there was separation of the cap and the hull. The throttle was in reverse and the engine was trimmed up. The propeller had damage most likely from the rocks. I noticed blood on the deck and some articles of clothing. I spoke with Lt. Camlin and she advised that she was requesting a local SCDNR officer in Charleston to make contact with C. Cook at MUSC. I updated Lt. Camlin in regards to the scene. I met with Anthony Cook who was one of the boat occupants. Due to an injury to A. Cook's shoulder, I wrote a statement that he dictated. A. Cook stated that he had known the victim his whole life. A. Cook thought that they may have left Chechessee around 7 PM. Paul drove the boat to the oyster roast at Paukie Island. Anthony said that he probably had 8 beers between 7 PM and 100 AM. A. Cook said that Paul wanted to stop downtown and go to a bar. Paul and Connor were the only ones to go to the bar. They stayed about 30-45 minutes and got back in the boat. Paul was driving erratically and there was an argument about letting someone else drive. A. Cook stated that he told Paul to let him drive or drop him off at the dock. After the argument, A. Cook said that he and Mallory were behind the seat facing the engine, Paul and Connor were behind the console and Morgan and Miley were seated in front of the console. A. Cook recalled throttle was slammed down causing him and Mallory to go down on the deck of the boat. Several minutes later the collision occurred and he was ejected out of the boat along with Mallory and Paul. A. Cook remembered going under the bridge. He swam to the bank and began calling out trying to find Mallory. When he realized that everyone else was on the opposite side of the creek, he swam to the other side. He attempted to swim back out again and search for Mallory but he was cold, tired, and injured. He recalled that Morgan was screaming that she was bleeding. Paul was trying to make everything ok. Anthony said that he flipped out and was yelling at Paul and Connor called 911.

The boat was removed at approximately 1240 PM and towed to Battery Creek landing where it was placed on the trailer. Search warrants were obtained for the boat and GPS unit. I contacted BCSO Captain Purdy and requested assistance with processing the boat. BCSO SSgt. Disbrow assisted with processing the boat. SCDNR Inv. Hammond assisted myself with the boat's

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

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inventory. I photographed the boat at the landing prior to it being taken to Ft. Johnson in Charleston.

On March 3, 2019, I responded to the landing at Broad River. Two volunteers that were out searching located the victim, Mallory Beach, in a creek near the landing. SCDNR, BCSO, and Deputy Coroner Oit responded to the location and made the recovery. The victim was taken to the Beaufort County Coroner's Office. I was present at the incident location when the family was notified. Deputy Coroner Oit and I met with the family at the Coroner's office. The family was provided details regarding what would take place with Mallory and I advised the investigation would continue and answered questions.

NARRATIVE

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LAW ENFORCEMENT STATEMENT

Case Number: 19-02-0944

County: (07) Beaufort

I, Keith Anthony Cook, make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Michael Brook, who has identified themselves as an official of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Division.

Whenever we left Punkie, Paul was driving. When Paul + Connor decided they wanted to go to downtown Beaufort. Paul went to a bar at downtown Beaufort and the rest of the group stayed on the dock. When they come back, they're both pretty intoxicated. Whenever we pulled off from the dock, Paul was driving, but they were both in the captain's seat horseplaying. Everybody started getting mad + arguing with them trying to let me drive the boat. Paul got defensive and started yelling at everybody else, so Connor had to calm everybody down and let him drive the boat. So I simply told them to let me drive or put me out on a dock. The boat got slammed by who I don't know and I fell in the bottom of the boat and took Malloy with me. The next thing I know I wake up

have read this statement consisting of 2 pages(s) and have initialed all corrections. I fully understand its entire contents and solemnly swear (or affirm) that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. No threats or promises have been made to obtain this statement.

Described and sworn to (or affirmed) before me, this 24 day of February, 2019

Signature of Officer <u>Michael Brook</u>	Affiant <u>Keith Anthony Cook</u>
Witness <u>Michael Brook</u>	Address <u>[Redacted]</u>

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This statement was written by Troop Michael Brook
as told by Keith Anthony Cook. Mr. Cook has
an injury preventing him from writing

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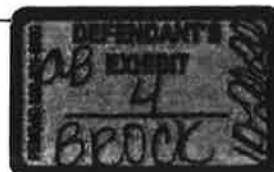
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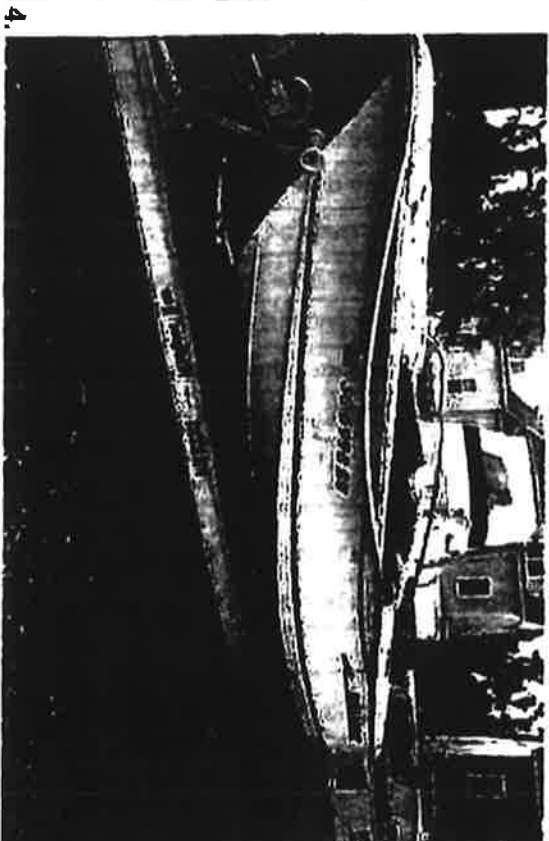
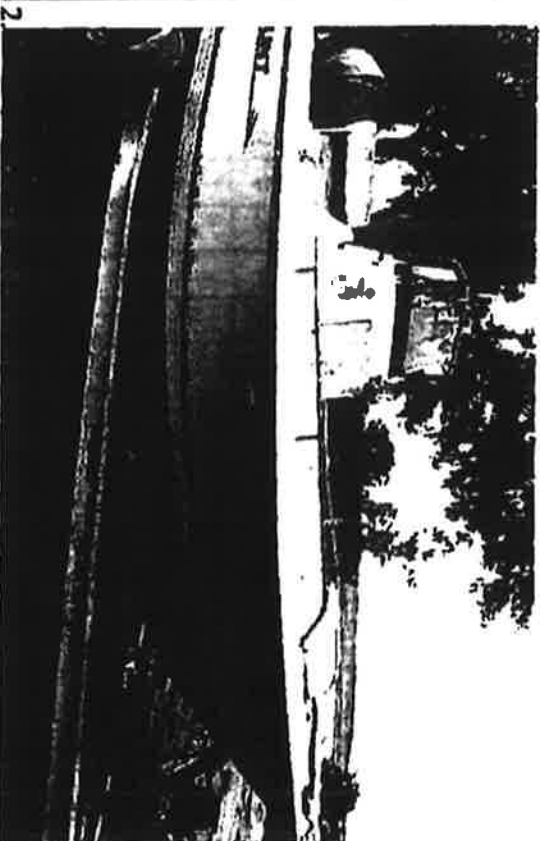
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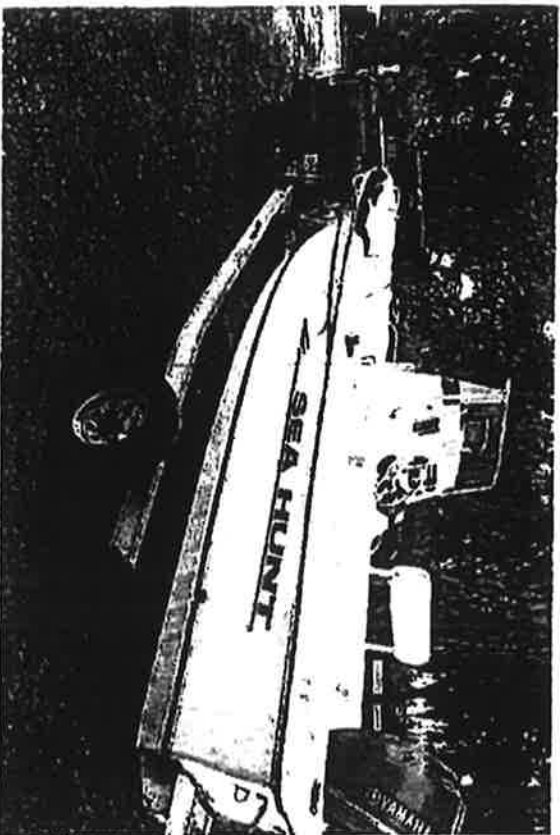
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	5:51 pm		31	Photo of transfer mark on port bow side of the boat
	5:51 pm		32	Close up of transfer mark on port bow side of the boat
	5:51 pm		33	Close up on deck and hull separation on port bow side of boat
	5:52 pm		34	Close up of fiberglass damage on port bow side of the boat
	5:52 pm		35	Photo of damages to the port bow side of the boat
	5:52 pm		36	Close up of crack in fiberglass on port bow side of the boat
	5:53 pm		37	Close up of transfer on bow of the boat
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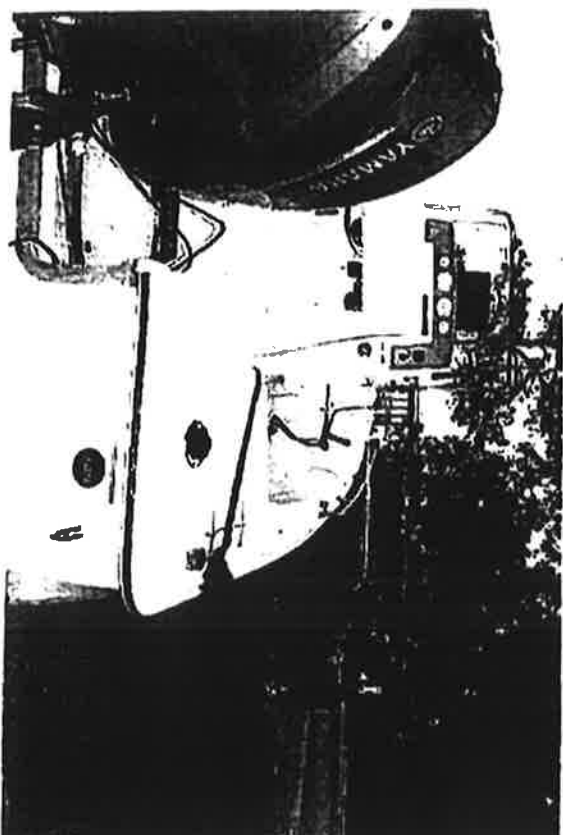


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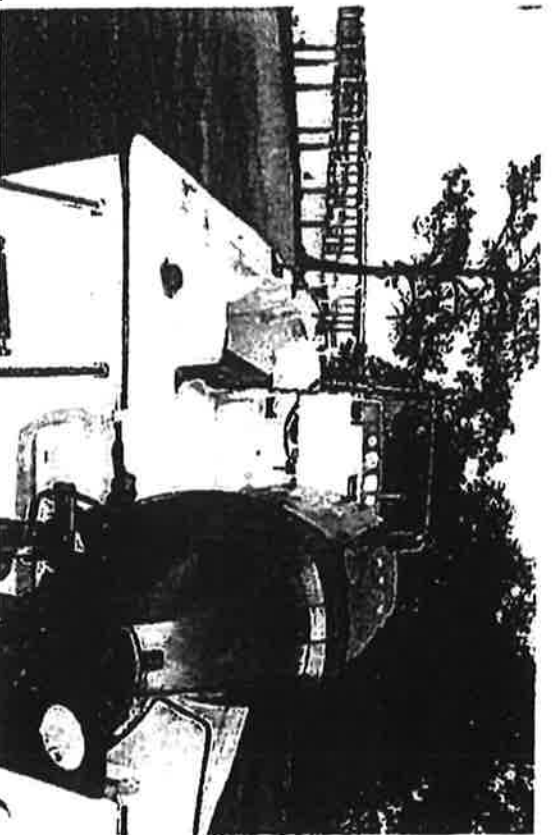




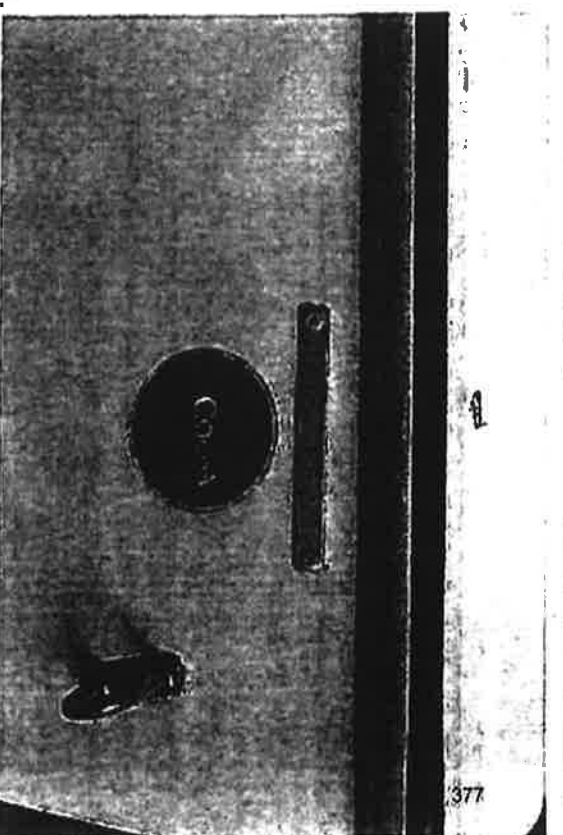
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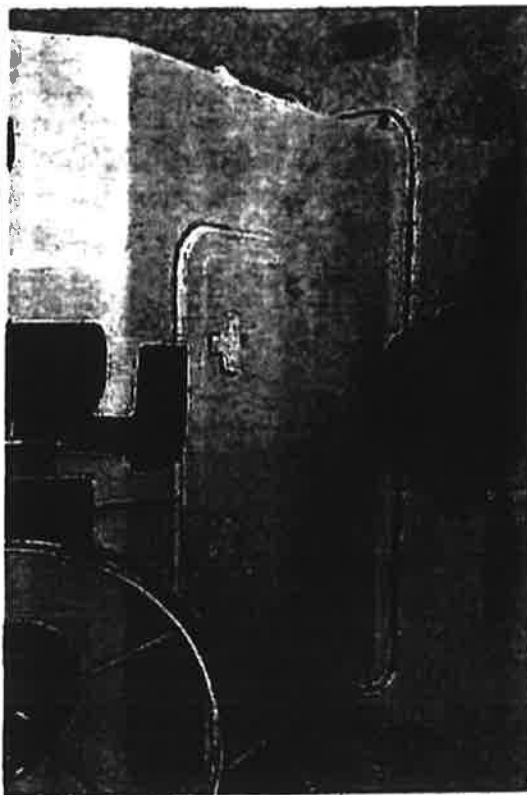


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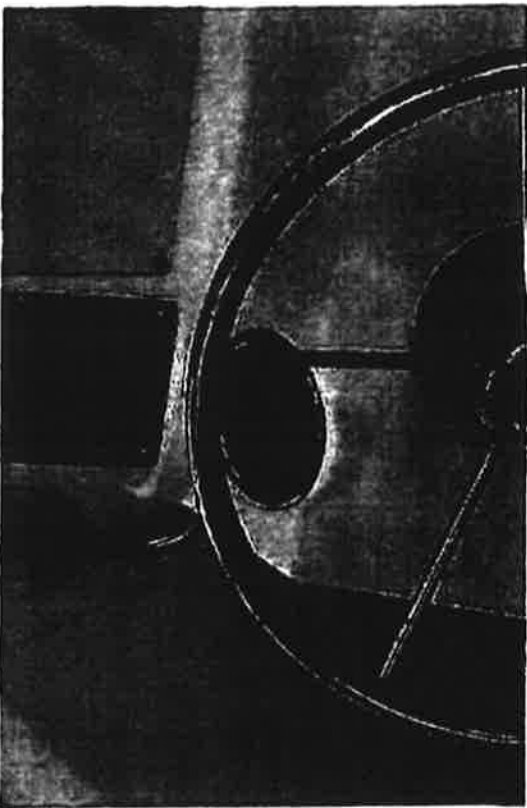


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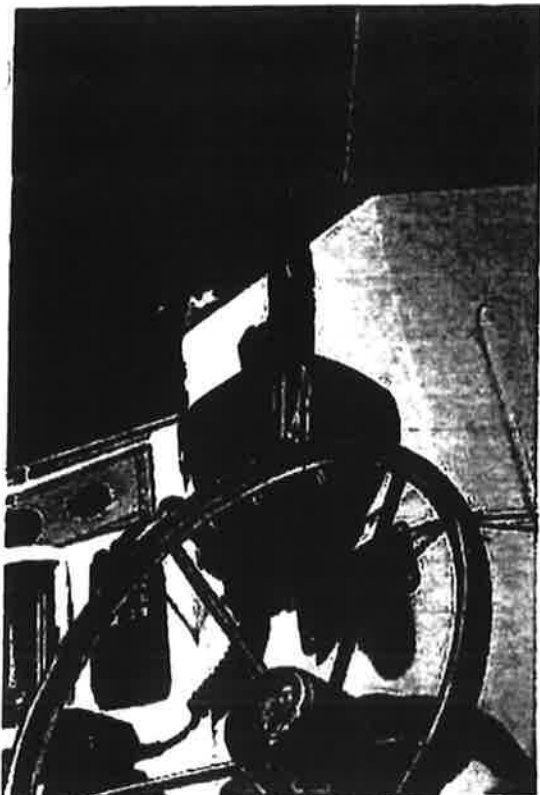


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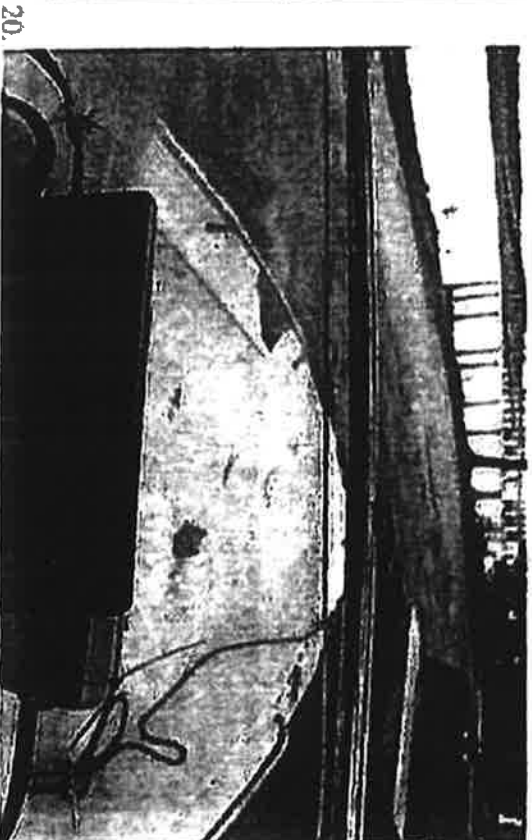
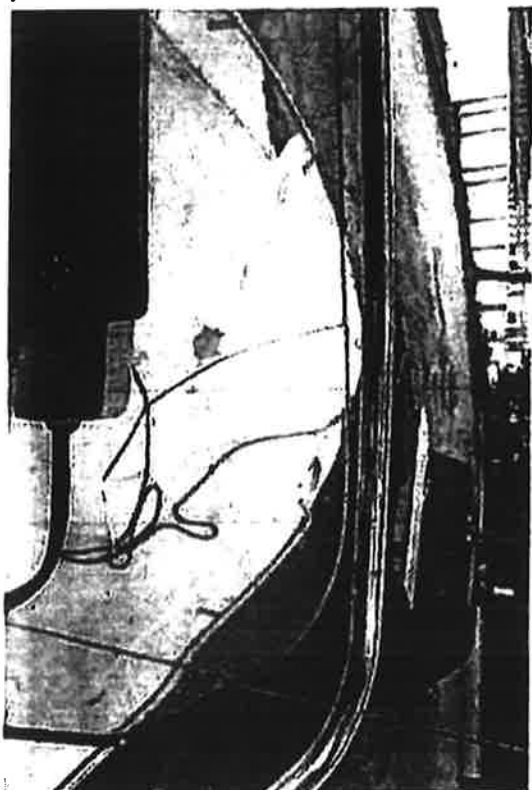
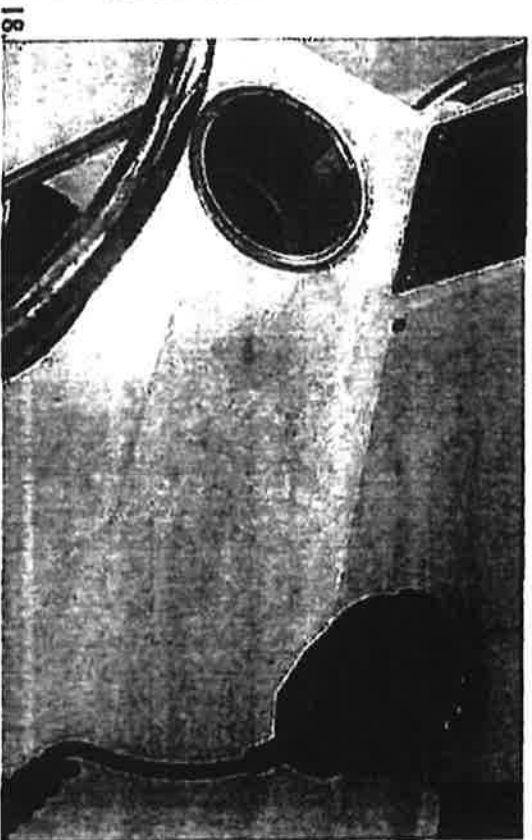
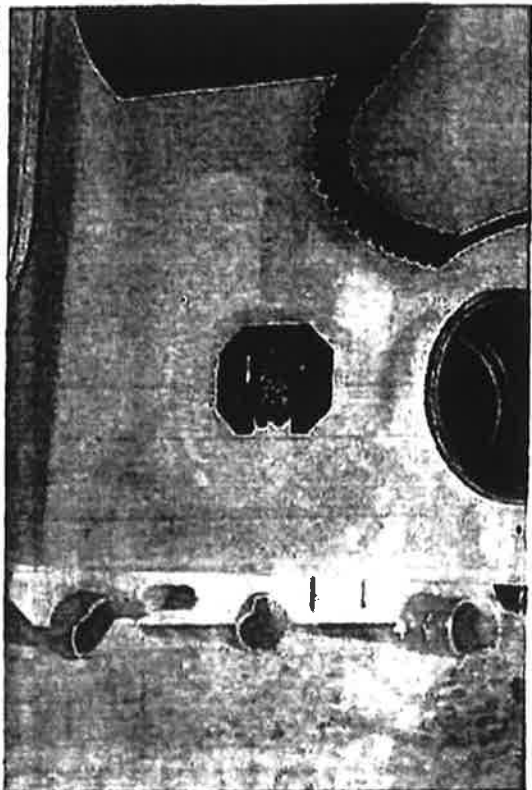
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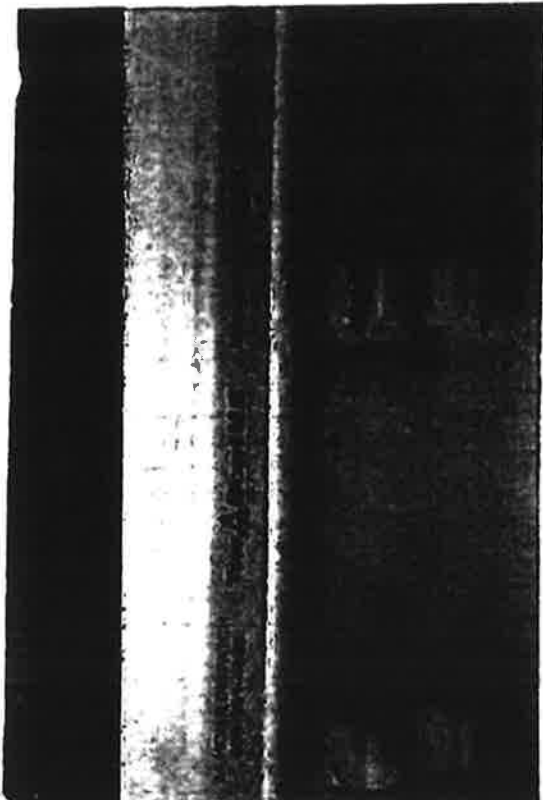
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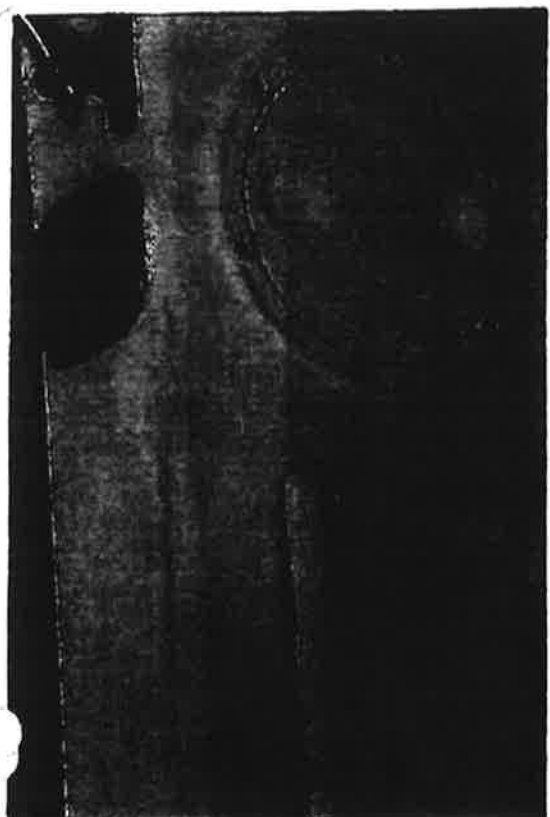
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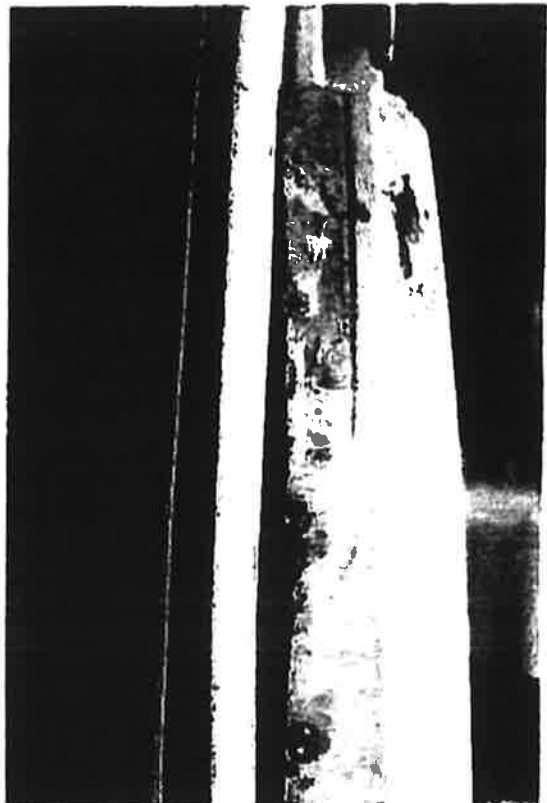
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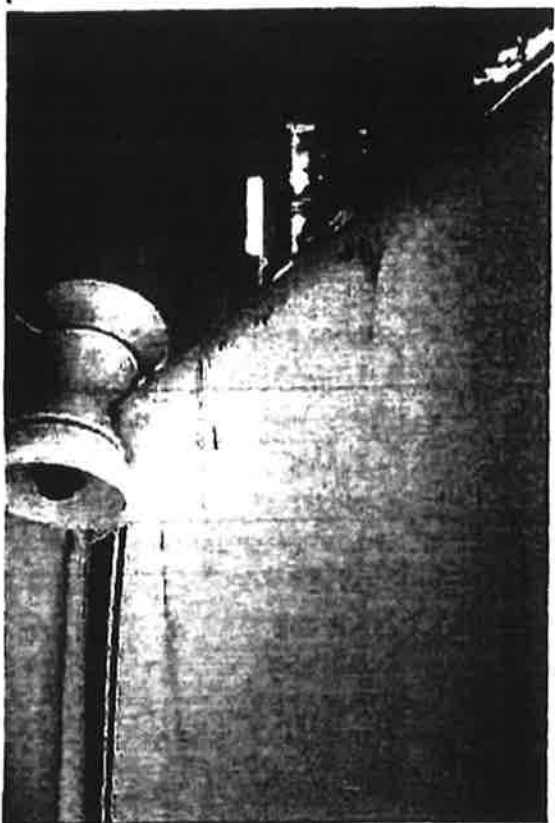
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Boat Inventory

- 1 Yeti Cushion
- 1 Youth Type III PFD
- 4 Adult Type III PFD
- 5 Adult Type II PFD
- 1 Apple Watch
- 1 Flannel Shirt hanging on throttle
- 1 Black t-shirt
- 1 blanket
- 1 rain jacket
- 1 camouflage pullover
- 1 gas can
- 1 pink bag
- 1 flashlight
- 1 fleece jacket
- 1 lighter
- 2 cigarettes
- 1 pair of pliers
- 2 tackle boxes
- 1 filet knife
- Miscellaneous fishing tackle
- Miscellaneous paperwork
- Empty white claw beverage box

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Record of Interview:

Ronald Klopp

March 7, 2019

Present during the interview of Ronald Klopp were SCDNR Investigator Michael Brock, SLED Agent Chandler Horney and Beaufort Memorial Compliance Officer Allison Coppage. Mr. Klopp was working security at the hospital on the night of the incident. Mr. Klopp stated that was in the area approximately forty-five minutes to an hour. Mr. Klopp stated that he first saw Morgan Doughty. Mr. Klopp said that Morgan was crying and obviously upset. Mr. Klopp next observed Connor and Miley enter the emergency room. Mr. Klopp stated that Connor appeared to be intoxicated and tried to leave. Mr. Klopp described Connor as having a bad attitude. When Miley's parents arrived she became emotional. Mr. Klopp did not hear Connor and Miley or the parents discuss the incident.

Mr. Klopp stated that Paul came in last. Described him as loud. Mr. Klopp observed Paul's father and grandfather arrive. Mr. Klopp stated that the grandfather kept telling Paul to keep his mouth shut. Mr. Klopp noticed Paul's father moving around a lot trying to get into other patient's rooms. Mr. Klopp stated that he overheard Paul's father on the phone say "she's gone, don't worry about her." Mr. Klopp provided the name of an additional hospital staff member that was also present during this phone conversation.

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Record of Interview:

Elizabeth McAlhaney

March 6, 2019

Present during the interview of Elizabeth McAlhaney were SCDNR Investigators Damian Yongue and Michael Brock, SLED Agent Chandler Horney and Beaufort Memorial Compliance Officer Allison Coppage. Ms. McAlhaney was the nurse for Connor Cook. Ms. McAlhaney noted that Miley was in the room with Connor with the exception of approximately forty-five minutes when she received treatment in her own room. Ms. McAlhaney stated that Connor did not speak much while she was in the room and was not forthcoming with information as to what happened and how he sustained his injuries. Connor was vague and would get agitated when asked questions by Ms. McAlhaney. Connor was calm unless asked questions. Ms. McAlhaney noted that Connor admitted to drinking alcoholic beverages and that he smelled of alcoholic beverages. Ms. McAlhaney stated that Miley was able to brace herself because she saw they were about to hit the piling.

Ms. McAlhaney noticed Alex Murdaugh attempting to go in other patients' rooms. Ms. McAlhaney overheard Mr. Murdaugh tell Connor that "they were going to figure everything out." Ms. McAlhaney saw Mr. Murdaugh stop Connor on his way to CAT scan and speak with him but she did not hear what was said. Ms. McAlhaney heard Mr. Murdaugh tell a SCDNR officer that Paul Murdaugh would not be making any statements because he was intoxicated and he did not want Paul making a drunken statement. Ms. McAlhaney observed Mr. Murdaugh talking with Miley Altman's family. Ms. McAlhaney did not observe the parents of the other patients trying to speak with any of the other occupants.

Ms. McAlhaney stated that several hospital staff had to go into Paul Murdaugh's room because he was belligerent, intoxicated, and cursing at staff and being uncooperative. Ms. McAlhaney noticed that Paul left and then returned and tried to speak with Morgan. It was obvious to Ms. McAlhaney that Morgan did not want to speak with Paul or his family.

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